



Strategic alliance between Genetwister and ServiceXS results in broad range of biotech services for genomic applications

A strategic alliance is established by the Dutch Biotech companies Genetwister Technologies B.V. and ServiceXS B.V. The two innovative companies will be collaborating providers for future and existing customers and will share their networks. The collaboration will provide synergy in support of genomic breeding and biotechnology which will be beneficial to customers.

ServiceXS provides whole service solutions for genomic and proteomic research in the animal- and human field and medium/high throughput services for amongst others nucleic acid sequencing, genotyping, gene expression analysis and CNV analysis. Genetwister provides genomic breeding and biotechnology solutions in the field of agri- and horticultural crops and provides "marker and trait discovery" and "bio-informatics" services in general.

The companies share the same vision on technology development and offer complementary biotechnology services. The collaboration will provide a full coverage of services for plant, animal and human genomics ranging from experimental design, high quality data production, data analysis with state of the art bioinformatics, to dedicated implementations for customers.

Douwe de Boer, Managing Director of Genetwister, comments: "The combination of the knowledge, expertise and technology between Genetwister and ServiceXS will result in added value for our customers. In this way faster molecular identification of biochemical processes underlying traits that are relevant for breeding programs and characterization of cultivars will be achieved. In addition, this alliance will be beneficial for our green biotechnology projects as well". Wilbert van Workum, Director of ServiceXS, adds that the joining of forces between the two biotech companies is a natural step in a fast changing technology market. "It allows both companies to develop new business opportunities through the combined range of biotechnology services."

About ServiceXS B.V.

ServiceXS provides high quality genomics and proteomics services to clients in industry and academia. The company's services range from experimental design consultation, sample preparation and sample processing to data analysis and statistical analysis. Through its broad portfolio that includes leading technology platforms, ServiceXS is able to specifically tune its services to the client's needs. ServiceXS was established in 2002 and is currently a major provider of outsourcing services in genomics and proteomics. ServiceXS is located in Leiden, The Netherlands.

About Genetwister

Genetwister Technologies B.V. is an innovative Dutch biotechnology company, with an international position in commercially applied biotechnology of agri- and horticultural crops. Genetwister is an expert in identification and isolation of molecular markers for genomic breeding, metabolic engineering and diagnostics using high throughput technology for sequencing, expression profiling and functional genomics. Genetwister's bio-informatics group develops proprietary software for database management, data-analysis and data-mining. More information on Genetwister can be found on www.genetwister.com.

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