

## **DECISION BIOMARKERS® AWARDED ADDITIONAL U.S. PATENT FOR PATH® PROTEIN ARRAY SURFACE CHEMISTRY**

### ***Further expanding DBI's patent estate for automated, multiplex protein biomarker systems***

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**WALTHAM, MA – July 1, 2008- Decision Biomarkers Inc.**, a leading developer of protein biomarker analysis systems for pharmaceutical research and development, today announced the company's PATH® technology has been awarded an additional United States Patent (*number 7,384,742*) by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The patent applies to polymer substrates used in isolating, reacting and microscopically analyzing materials.

"We believe DBI now has the strongest, most comprehensive intellectual property estate for nitrocellulose-based surface chemistry, the protein assay substrate of choice in the drug development industry," according to Coco Montagu, DBI's Founder and Chairman.

The ultra-thin, nitrocellulose-based PATH® slides are available through DBI distributors in various formats and dimensions. "Based on its performance and the rapidly expanding market adoption, we feel the PATH® surface chemistry to be far superior to other commercially available protein-array surfaces," said Roger Dowd, DBI CEO and President.

There is a large and growing need in the drug development industry for decentralized, on-demand testing of biomarkers. This surface chemistry has been integrated into DBI's AVANTRA® Protein Biomarker Workstation, a new easy-to-use, immunoassay system that enables non-specialized researchers to perform complex protein biomarker analysis from their own lab bench or clinical trial site.

#### **About Decision Biomarkers, Inc.**

Decision Biomarkers is a privately-held life science tools company that has pioneered the development of the next-generation technology for protein biomarker analysis. DBI is driving productivity improvement in the pharmaceutical and diagnostic industries by supplying automated, multiplex protein biomarker systems that can be used by virtually anyone, anywhere and in real time.

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