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NineSigma Increases Innovators Available In Its Alliance Program

Japan Technology Group Addition Provides Unique Open Innovation Support

CLEVELAND, OH – May 9, 2007 – NineSigma, a leading provider of open innovation solutions to the enterprise, today announced the Japan Technology Group (JTG), a technology-based intellectual property transfer company, has joined NineSigma's Innovation Alliance Program, a truly global network of scientists, technologists and innovators. The addition of the Japan Technology Group provides an extensive network of solution providers in the Japan technology licensing field.

With more than 65,000 researchers in its network, the Japan Technology Group has exclusive agreements for specific technologies with key universities such as Hokkaido University, Waseda University, Nagoya University, Kumamoto University, Iwate University and Kyushu University, and extensive reach and access to researchers from various national institutions in Japan. Through an affiliate company, JTG also has access to researchers in Tokyo University, the Center for Advanced Science and Technology Incubation (CASTI), Kitakyushu Science and Research Park Tohoku University, and other leading universities.

"Our goals are perfectly aligned with those of NineSigma," said Taro Yaguchi, president of The Japan Technology Group. "Especially in light of the recent legislation in Japan, which encourages technology sharing and development, we strongly believe that this partnership will result in the evolution of technology sharing."

NineSigma's Innovation Alliance Program plays an integral role in the company's core business offering of facilitating real connections between client needs and innovators with available technology solutions, improving speed to market while lowering product development costs and reducing risk in decision making.



“With the addition of each organization to our alliance, we look to expand our innovation network and secure cutting-edge technology solutions for market needs,” said Paul Stiros, president and CEO, NineSigma.

Charles Brez, VP of Innovation Alliances adds, “The addition of the Japan Technology Group to our alliance provides an even larger network for us to extract global expertise for our clients.”

About NineSigma

NineSigma partners with Global 1000 companies to transform their innovation capabilities by connecting them with the very best innovators from around the world. NineSigma’s proprietary process for Open Innovation enables companies to dramatically improve speed to market while lowering product development costs and reducing risk in decision making. NineSigma’s open network of innovators is the largest of its kind and spans industries, geographies, and technical disciplines. Companies such as P&G, DuPont, Kraft, General Mills and Unilever engage NineSigma to build new innovation capabilities that leverage research and innovation globally to deliver greater value to their customers.

For more information visit: www.ninesigma.com

About Japan Technology Group

Japan Technology Group (JTG) is a technology-based intellectual property transfer company, serving as a link between non-Japanese companies and untapped promising Japanese innovations, as well as between Japanese companies and Western innovations. JTG’s mission is to promote, foster and add value to trans-Pacific technology and intellectual property transfers, especially between Japan and North America. JTG is strategically headquartered at the University City Science Center adjacent to the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In Japan, JTG has offices in Tokyo and Kyoto.

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