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HCL TIES UP WITH SYNCHRON, A LEADING CONTRACT RESEARCH ORGANISATION, FOR CLINICAL TRIAL SOLUTIONS

*First-of-a-kind association between a leading technology giant with the
leading contract research organisation*

New Delhi, 1st February 2006: HCL Technologies Ltd. (“HCL”), a leading global IT solutions provider in Information Technology, today entered into a strategic alliance with India’s leading Contract Research Organization (CRO) – **Synchron Research Services Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad**, to jointly provide innovative solutions like clinical trial and data management on drugs and devices. This is a path breaking initiative by HCL to become an end-to-end solution provider in clinical trials and data management.

With its extensive domain knowledge and pool of skilled professionals from the Life Sciences sector, HCL will provide software consulting, infrastructure management and BPO services in Clinical Trials and Clinical Data Management that is run by Synchron across the globe. This symbiotic engagement would enable Synchron to access HCL’s customer in the IT services related to clinical trial space and HCL will be able to utilize Synchron’s reach in US, Japan, European and Asia Pacific markets.

Synchron is actively working in the field of Clinical Research of drugs and devices, from Phase I to Phase IV, including Bioequivalence, Bioavailability, Pharmacokinetic / Pharmacodynamic studies, Statistical Analysis and Data Management. The company offers competitive and high quality Clinical Trial and Data Management Services to domestic and international pharmaceutical and bio-pharmaceutical companies.

Synchron went through a rigorous selection process to select a partner. HCL was selected for its experience in Life Sciences domain as well as its unparalleled project management skills and quality processes, and the ability to provide customers with a comprehensive end-to-end solution to address their needs.



“This is the first time Synchron has engaged in a relationship with a leading IT service provider. Our decision to work with HCL signifies that we would put our trust in the leader in this arena. The key factor in choosing HCL as our preferred partner is its revolutionary experience and execution capability in the Life Sciences space,” said **Dr. Shivprakash, Managing Director, Synchron Research Services.**

Commenting on this partnership, **Pradep Nair, Vice President & Head – Life Sciences Practice, HCL,** New Jersey, USA said, “This engagement takes our Life Sciences proposition to the next level. We have got this opportunity to work with a prominent player like Synchron in the area of Clinical Data Management, which is a validation of our strategy and an extension of the already strong relationship.”

Synchron and HCL will collaborate with each other to engage in technology development activities related to Clinical Trials, which will be further utilized to source new projects and to develop market offering for the jointly developed Clinical Trial Products.

About HCL Technologies

HCL Technologies is one of India’s leading global IT Services companies, providing software-led IT solutions, BPO and remote infrastructure management services. Having made a foray into the services domain in 1997-98, HCL Technologies focuses on technology and R&D outsourcing, working with clients in areas at the core of their business. The company leverages an extensive offshore infrastructure and its global network of 26 offices in 15 countries to deliver solutions across select verticals including Banking, Insurance, Retail & Consumer, Aerospace, Automotive, Semiconductors, Telecom and Life Sciences. For the twelve-month period ended 31 December 2005, HCL Technologies, along with its subsidiaries, had revenues of US \$864 million (Rs 3,890 crore) and employed 28,182 professionals. For more information, please visit www.hcltech.com

About HCL Enterprise

HCL Enterprise is a leading Global Technology and IT enterprise with annual revenues of US \$2.9 billion The HCL Enterprise comprises two companies listed in India - HCL Technologies & HCL Infosystems. The 3-decade-old enterprise, founded in 1976, is one of India’s original IT garage start-ups. Its range of offerings span Product Engineering, Technology and Application Services, BPO, Infrastructure Services, IT Hardware, Systems Integration, and distribution of technology and telecom products. The HCL team comprises 32,000 professionals of diverse nationalities, who operate from 15 countries including 300 points of presence in India. HCL has global partnerships with several leading Fortune 1000 firms, including leading IT and Technology firms. For more information please visit www.hcl.in

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operations, reduced demand for technology in our key focus areas, disruptions in telecommunication networks, our ability to successfully complete and integrate potential acquisitions, liability for damages on our service contracts, the success of the companies/ entities in which we have made strategic investments, withdrawal of governmental fiscal incentives, political instability, legal restrictions on raising capital or acquiring companies outside India, and unauthorized use of our intellectual property and general economic conditions affecting our industry. The company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the company.

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