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CIRRUS BIOSYSTEMS DEBUTS ADVANCED RESEARCH LAB AUTOMATION SOLUTION
Patent-Pending SPF Misting Station™ Improves Safety and Reduces Disinfectant Time

SEATTLE – October 15, 2007 –Cirrus BioSystems, an innovator of tools and technologies for the modern research lab, today announced that it is debuting its patent-pending SPF Misting Station at the AALAS (American Association for Laboratory Animal Science) national meeting taking place in Charlotte, NC, today through October 18th, 2007. The Cirrus BioSystems SPF Misting Station™ is a significant advancement in rodent cage disinfection. Designed to improve the laborious, and time consuming process of rodent cage disinfection, the mobile, easy-to-use, SPF (specific pathogen free) Misting Station, provides complete disinfection while improving overall safety for lab technicians and the rodents in their care.

Everyday, in research facilities throughout the United States and the world, research personnel spend countless hours disinfecting rodent cages with low-tech spray bottles, while adhering to strict guidelines and standard operating procedures to avoid introducing pathogens into animal colonies. The process is time consuming, inefficient and risky. Lab workers risk repetitive stress hand injuries, while research and rodents are at risk if the disinfection process is incomplete. The SPF Misting Station, the brainchild of President and Chief Scientific Officer J. Preston Van Hooser, was created to alleviate these issues.

Van Hooser explains, “After searching to no avail to find a market solution to address these issues, we opted to capitalize on our deep research lab experience to commercialize a solution that would directly benefit the industry.” The company’s patent-pending solution is the first of many that Van Hooser envisions introducing to automate the research lab. He adds, “Our vision at Cirrus BioSystems is to modernize the animal research lab with advanced solutions that will improve the safety and environment for lab workers and animals alike.”

Everyday research lab tasks can be time consuming. Automation enables limited staff to be deployed in other areas. For example, the SPF Misting Station reduces the amount of time it takes to disinfect a single cage, from approximately 15 seconds to less than 1 second. For an institution with 40,000 cages, this can potentially reduce labor time to just 10 hours per week, from more than 168 hours per week using the manual spray bottle method.

About Cirrus BioSystems

Founded in 2006, privately-held Cirrus BioSystems offers innovative tools and technologies for the modern research lab. With deep roots in University-focused research, the company is developing solutions for animal research laboratories and facilities that directly improve standard practices by increasing safety, efficiency and compliance through automation tools. The company's flagship product, the patent-pending SPF Misting Station™, provides a cost effective way for lab technicians to automate the time-consuming and cumbersome process of rodent cage disinfection. For more information, visit <http://www.cirrusbio.com/>.

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