



## DGAP-Ad hoc: Epigenomics AG: Meets Key Milestone in Breast Cancer Test Development

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Epigenomics AG: Meets Key Milestone in Breast Cancer Test Development

Berlin, Germany, August 12, 2004. Epigenomics AG (Frankfurt, Prime Standard: ECX), a molecular diagnostics company developing tests based on DNA methylation, announced today that it has met a key milestone in its breast cancer screening product development program. Based on studies conducted using breast cancer tissue samples, the Company has successfully identified several DNA methylation markers (biomarkers) that can potentially enable the early detection of breast cancer. Biomarkers are substances found in blood or tissues that indicate the presence of disease. In this case, specific DNA methylation biomarkers allow detection of breast cancer using Epigenomics' proprietary technologies. Achieving this milestone triggered a payment to Epigenomics from its development and commercialisation partner, Roche Diagnostics.

Epigenomics will work to incorporate these DNA methylation markers into PCR assays (tests) and initiate a study of a large number of clinical serum samples, taken from breast cancer patients, over the next several quarters. The breast cancer tests being developed will attempt to measure these biomarkers in blood serum to differentiate between breast cancer and benign or normal breast conditions.

Epigenomics believes that achieving this milestone on schedule demonstrates its ability to consistently meet commercially relevant product development milestones. To date, Epigenomics has successfully met every milestone in our collaboration with Roche, including the identification of DNA methylation markers for early detection products for colon and prostate cancers as well as for a product to predict the probability of relapse in women treated with the standard breast cancer treatment, tamoxifen.

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