

Copernicus Group IRB (CGIRB) – Cary, North Carolina – October 5, 2006. CGIRB announced today the addition of 3 new individuals to the management team. Reporting to Chief Operating Officer, Mary Ann Fallon are Will Stewart as Director of Marketing and Business Development, Graham Mainwaring, Director of Information Technology and Lisa Triantafillou, Director of Quality Assurance and Regulatory Compliance. These directors join the dedicated team of Directors and managers already with the company: Kimberly Watkins (Project Management), Jennifer Sodrel (Business Systems), Dawn Pope (IRB Services), Katie Torres (Human Resources) and Sybil Tucker (Document Control).

Sharon Hill Price, Founder, CEO and Chairman of the Board notes this management team brings over 30 years experience to the table, supporting CGIRB's position as one of the leading IRBs in the nation providing ethical review for pharmaceutical, biotech, CRO, SMO and institutional organizations involved in research studies. Ms Price also notes this team will further focus CGIRB's development of services and flow of business to parallel the challenges faced by clients striving to meet ever more demanding timelines.

“With our 10 solid years of serving the pharmaceutical and biotech industry along with our new management team, CGIRB is positioned to step up and provide even more support to our ever growing client base,” Price said.

Copernicus Group IRB (CGIRB) was established in July 1996 as an independent institutional review board and operates in compliance with Federal Regulations set forth in 21CFR, 45 CFR and ICH/GCP Guidelines. CGIRB achieved full AAHRPP accreditation in 2004. For further information, visit our website at www.CGIRB.com or contact Will Stewart at 919-465-4310.