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Copernicus Group IRB to Move Corporate Headquarters to RTP

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CARY, N.C., May 1 -- CGIRB announced today it will be relocating its corporate headquarters to Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina this summer. This move represents another step in the company's ongoing strategy to assure CGIRB's position as one of the leading IRBs in the United States. CGIRB provides human subject protection through the ethical review and oversight of research studies conducted by pharmaceutical, biotech, academic and institutional organizations.

"Copernicus Group IRB just celebrated its 10th year anniversary of providing oversight to our nation's research community. I can see no better way to begin our next decade of service than by moving to the heart of North Carolina's bio-pharmaceutical and technology hub," said Sharon Hill Price, CEO and Chairman of the Board. "As an added bonus, this location will offer the IRB members and staff a beautiful and peaceful place in which to conduct the work that is most critical for the protection of human subjects."

About Copernicus Group IRB

Copernicus Group IRB, established in July, 1996, is an independent institutional review board (IRB or "Board") composed of highly qualified individuals dedicated to ensuring the safety and welfare of research study participants. The Board reviews research protocols, investigators, and subject information and consent forms to ensure compliance with federal regulations and consideration of local concerns. CGIRB operates in compliance with Federal Regulations set forth in 21CFR, 45 CFR and ICH/GCP Guidelines and achieved full AAHRPP accreditation in 2004. For further information contact Will Stewart at 919-465-4310 or wstewart@cgirb.com.

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