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Matrix to be headline sponsor of 10th Mediscience Awards

The European Mediscience Awards, the event which celebrates the best in the quoted life sciences, healthcare and biotech industries is pleased to announce Matrix as main sponsor for the 2011 event, which is to be held on Wednesday 22 June at the Hotel Intercontinental in London.

Now in its 10th year, The European Mediscience Awards is the premier networking event for all stakeholders working in or with quoted mediscience companies in Europe, providing access to specialist investors, advisers, media and analysts. This year the ceremony will once again be hosted by BBC news personality, Kate Silverton.

In December 2010 Matrix further strengthened its healthcare team with the recruitment of the highly rated life sciences team from Piper Jaffray. The team at Matrix have a wealth of experience in the sector, advising on over 76 healthcare transactions in Europe since 2006 with an aggregate transaction value of over €3.6 billion. Matrix is focused on increasing its stable of long-term retained clients (both as Financial Adviser, NOMAD and Broker) in the healthcare speciality fields.

Malcolm Le May, CEO of Investment Banking at Matrix, commented: "The European Mediscience Awards is the most important gathering of the year within the healthcare and biotech sector and we are proud to become its lead sponsor this year. The event offers a unique opportunity to celebrate all that is great within the sector and we very much look forward to playing our part in June."

Jo Thomas, Director of event organiser Ford Sinclair, said: "We are delighted to continue the relationship with some familiar faces and a team that has been a long term supporter of the event. The agreement with Matrix gives us the opportunity to continue our mutually successful partnership which has been pivotal in ensuring that the Mediscience Awards remains the pre-eminent awards ceremony and networking event in the industry."

For further details on The European Mediscience Awards dinner 2011 visit www.mediscience-event.co.uk

Follow the event on Twitter at twitter.com/mediscience2011

Further information & dinner bookings:

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About the European Mediscience Awards

The European Mediscience Awards celebrates the best in the quoted life science, healthcare and biotech industries. It is the premier networking event for all stakeholders working in or with quoted mediscience companies in Europe and has over 500 attendees.

Nominations for the awards can be made online from the beginning of April via the event website www.mediscience-event.co.uk where the criteria for each award and a full list of eligible companies can also be viewed. To be eligible for an award, the majority of the business of the company, and its subsidiaries, must be in the healthcare (animal and human), medical, pharmaceutical, biotechnology or life sciences sectors. In addition, a significant part of the company's, and its subsidiaries', activities should involve scientific research and development which may or may not be product specific.

About Matrix

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The investment banking business of Matrix has significantly increased research coverage and their team of 25 analysts now covers around 200 stocks across small, mid and large cap.

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