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The New Tripos International Announces Release of Benchware® 3D Explorer Version 2.5

New Visualization, Communication and Scientific Enhancements Improve Communication Between Front-Line Life Sciences Researchers and Their Supporting Computational Groups

ST. LOUIS--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Tripos International, leading provider of drug discovery informatics products and services, today announced the release of Benchware® 3D Explorer Version 2.5. This version offers life science researchers unparalleled collaboration, decision support, and 3D chemical visualization capability on their desktop computers.

Tripos' Benchware Product Manager, David R. Lewis, D.Phil., announced the new release, saying, "This version of Benchware 3D Explorer adds the highest priority customer-requested enhancements to the unique feature set of 3D Explorer. Starting with the capability to align protein structures along with their associated ligands allows researchers to obtain comparative views of data they need to understand compound selectivity and alternate binding modes. We've also improved scientists' access to scientific data by adding support for remediating RCSB pdb files. Decision making among collaborators is fostered by the 3D Explorer ActiveX control, which can now be purchased and installed separately from 3D Explorer, creating an extremely versatile communication tool in Web pages or PowerPoint® presentations. Among the other updates we've added support for Microsoft® Vista, ensuring that research teams can utilize and extend the product on the latest PC platforms."

Benchware 3D Explorer has shown outstanding growth in its user base each year since its launch. Globally, thousands of users at over 100 organizations in 18 countries have deployed 3D Explorer in their discovery organizations. 3D Explorer provides the optimum level of modeling capabilities and combination of communication features not found in other products. The ability to rapidly extend 3D Explorer's functionality to meet specific research needs, and the highly competitive price point has made it a popular industry choice. For discovery scientists, Benchware 3D Explorer has become an indispensable tool to access and utilize 3D chemical information, in the drive for new drug candidates.

For more information about the Tripos Benchware 3D Explorer Version 2.5, click on <http://www.tripos.com/bw3de> or contact the New Tripos International in the USA at 800-323-2960, or a regional Tripos sales and support office.

About the New Tripos International

Tripos International helps pharmaceutical companies and research facilities around the world successfully accelerate the identification and optimization of new compounds that have the potential to become drug products. Headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, the New Tripos International serves more than 1,000 customers spanning over 46 countries. Purchased by Vector Capital from Tripos, Inc. in March 2007, the newly private company focuses on innovation within its current technology portfolio, specifically enhancing the core functionality and user experience of its computational informatics product suite SYBYL®. Additionally, the company supports the large pharmaceutical companies that have adopted Tripos' Benchware enterprise-class products through professional services, customer and technical support.

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