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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS ANNOUNCES ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CELERA DISCOVERY SYSTEM™ AND NEW ACADEMIC SUBSCRIPTION MODEL**

Updates Include Enhanced Viewer and High-throughput Sequence Analysis Tools for Comparative Genomics, Integration of Additional Public and Proprietary Genomic Data, and an Individual Subscription Model for Academic Researchers

FOSTER CITY, CA – January 28, 2003 - Applied Biosystems Group (NYSE:ABI) an Applera Corporation business, today announced a new release of the Celera Discovery System™ (CDS) online platform that includes enhanced visualization and analysis tools for comparing the human and mouse genomes, additional data integration, and a new subscription model for academic researchers.

“The latest enhancements to CDS should enable subscribers to more easily apply comparative genomics to their discovery process and to better understand the roles of genes in the context of evolutionary conservation,” said Deborah Smeltzer, Vice President of the Knowledge Business for Applied Biosystems. “Applied Biosystems and Celera Genomics have made significant investments in data aggregation, validation, curation, classification, quality assurance, and have further integrated public reference data. We believe our subscribers will save time and costs through online access to an integrated set of high-quality data and analysis tools that eliminate the need for data infrastructure development and maintenance.”

New subscriptions to the Celera Discovery System online platform will now be available to researchers at academic and non-profit institutions through a single-user, one-year subscription agreement. These researchers can easily begin the subscription process online through the CDS website, available at <http://www.celeradiscoverysystem.com>.

Applied Biosystems and Celera Genomics are collaborating to integrate Celera’s genomic and biological information with Applied Biosystems’ products and services. CDS subscribers can now order the Applied Biosystems Assays-on-Demand™ products, ready-to-use, functionally validated assays for genotyping and gene expression analysis, within the context of their analysis results using CDS.

The new release of CDS includes an updated interactive Map Viewer, which provides enhanced and customizable graphical displays for comparing human and mouse genes within their genomic context. The Map Viewer also now enables subscribers to conduct BLAST searches in batch mode and to customize views of data from the entire chromosome to the single nucleotide level. These enhancements are intended to facilitate high-throughput analysis and should enable subscribers to analyze biological relationships within any region of the human or mouse genomes.

Additional Enhancements:

- Pre-computed human-mouse ortholog pairs displayed with synteny information and neighboring genes.
- The first release of annotated mouse genes, hand-curated by scientists from Celera Genomics.
- Annotation of human gene regulatory regions through mapping of transcription factor binding sites.
- Panther Universal Protein Library 3.1 protein classifications, which now contain 4,000 additional protein families and 12,000 subfamilies, providing more comprehensive functional predictions.
- Key literature references pertaining to the structure and function of genes and their products.
- An upgraded set of sequence analysis tools for data comparison, manipulation, and protein prediction.
- Links to the Human Gene Mutation Database (HGMD), Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM), Swiss-Prot and LocusLink databases.

About the Celera Discovery System Online Platform (CDS)

CDS is a web-based discovery platform that provides scientists with access to a comprehensive source of integrated, curated and validated proprietary and public biological data, including annotated human and mouse genomes. In April 2002, Celera Genomics and Applied Biosystems entered into a marketing and distribution agreement under which Applied Biosystems became the exclusive marketer of CDS and related information assets. More than 250 institutions worldwide currently subscribe to CDS, including pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, as well as academic organizations.

About Applera Corporation and Applied Biosystems

Applera Corporation comprises two operating groups. The Applied Biosystems Group develops and markets instrument-based systems, reagents, software, and contract services to the life science industry and research community. Customers use these tools to analyze nucleic acids (DNA and RNA), small molecules, and proteins to make scientific discoveries, develop new pharmaceuticals, and conduct standardized testing. Applied Biosystems is headquartered in Foster City, CA, and reported sales of \$1.6 billion during fiscal 2002. The Celera Genomics Group, located in Rockville, MD, and South San Francisco, CA, is engaged principally in integrating advanced technologies to discover and develop new therapeutics. Celera intends to leverage its proteomic, bioinformatic, and genomic capabilities to identify and validate drug targets and diagnostic marker

candidates, and to discover and develop new therapeutics. Its Celera Discovery System™ online platform, marketed exclusively through the Applied Biosystems Knowledge Business, is an integrated source of information based on the human genome and other biological and medical sources. Celera Diagnostics, a 50/50 joint venture between Applied Biosystems and Celera Genomics, is focused on discovery, development, and commercialization of novel diagnostics products. Information about Applera Corporation, including reports and other information filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.applera.com>, or by telephoning 800.762.6923. Information about Applied Biosystems is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.appliedbiosystems.com>.

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