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Media Release

Syntiron LLC receives Biotechnology Award at the 2008 Tekne Awards.

Saint Paul, MN, November 11, 2008: Syntiron today announced that it was named the winner of the Biotechnology Award at the 2008 Tekne Awards. Syntiron was recognized for its ongoing development of human vaccines for the prevention of multiple bacterial pathogens, most notably, nosocomial infections (*Staphylococcus aureus*/MRSA), food and waterborne infections (*Salmonella*, *E. coli*, and *Shigella*), and bacterial biowarfare agents (*Bacillus anthracis*/anthrax, *Yersinia pestis*/plague, and *Burkholderia pseudomallei*/melioidosis).

The Tekne Awards, which celebrate Minnesota's technology innovators and innovations, honored the winners in an awards ceremony held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Oct. 30. The Tekne Awards honor superior technology advancement and leadership in Minnesota.

Syntiron is a Minnesota-based biotechnology innovator developing vaccine and immunotherapeutic solutions to prevent and treat human bacterial disease. The company is an outgrowth of Epiōpix, a successful veterinary vaccine firm with a reputation for delivering efficacious, scalable, and cost-effective vaccines for millions of agricultural animals. Syntiron shares the proprietary SRP® Technology developed and perfected by Epiōpix. Syntiron is the recipient of four grants from the National Institutes of Health for the development of vaccines to prevent infections by *Yersinia*, *Salmonella*, and *Staphylococcus* bacteria (including MRSA). This month, the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency

recognized the potential of the technology when it contracted with Syntiron to apply their vaccine platform to three priority bioterrorism agents.

“We appreciate being recognized with this prestigious award for our contribution to the field of biotechnology to the state of Minnesota,” said Joseph Shaw, CEO of Syntiron. “We are grateful for all of the outside support we have received and to the staff of Syntiron for their diligent efforts.”

The Tekne Awards, presented by the Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) in partnership with Enterprise Minnesota and LifeScience Alley, annually recognize Minnesota’s leading technology users and innovators. Tekne Award recipients represent a collection of industry leaders advancing Minnesota’s status as a hub for technology innovation.

About Minnesota High Tech Association

The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) accelerates the growth, sustainability and global competitiveness of Minnesota's technology-based economy through public policy advocacy, member collaboration and education, and community outreach. MHTA is the only membership organization that represents Minnesota’s entire technology-based economy. MHTA members include organizations of every size – involved in virtually every aspect of technology creation, production, application and education in Minnesota. MHTA works in partnership with AeA, which represents Minnesota's technology organizations nationally. Find out more online at www.mhta.org.