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Bionest appoints Lionel Delaporte as Managing Partner

This appointment signals a period of strong demand from the biopharmaceutical and Pharmaceutical industry for strategic advisory services and solid growth for Bionest Partners

Paris (France), New York (USA), 24th March 2010 - Bionest Partners, a provider of advisory and management services to Life Sciences companies, announces today that Lionel Delaporte has been appointed Managing Partner.

Before joining Bionest in June 2006, Lionel held managerial roles in strategic and organizational consulting firms, such as Monitor and ISO, where he focused on healthcare consulting. He has managed over 150 assignments encompassing strategy, operations, and organization for leading pharmaceutical companies at the global and local level. Prior to entering consulting, he held several operational positions at IMS health. Lionel's business expertise centers around helping companies manage strategic, operational and organizational challenges. This expertise is complemented by his deep experience within pharmaceutical sector and a thorough knowledge across more than a dozen major therapeutic areas. Lionel also has an extensive network of global, European, and French industry decision makers. Lionel graduated from the Institut Supérieur de Gestion (Paris, France).

"Lionel's appointment illustrates the efforts behind the growth of our strategic consulting offering towards the pharmaceutical industry" declared Alain J Gilbert, co-founder and Managing Partner of Bionest Partners. *"We look forward to continue working with Lionel as we help our worldwide clients, from established pharmaceutical companies to emerging healthcare companies, address their strategic challenges."*

About Bionest Partners

Bionest Partners provides financial advisory and management services to help biotechnology, specialty pharmaceutical, large pharmaceutical companies, medical device companies and their shareholders maximize the value of their assets. The company, based in Paris with offices in New York and founded in 2003, has a broad customer base ranging from biotech start-ups to large and established companies. Bionest Partners has wide experience with more than 100 clients including Pfizer, Sanofi Aventis, GSK, Novartis, Bayer Schering Pharma, Millennium, Idenix, ProStrakan, Stallergenes, Innate Pharma, Genfit, Jubilant, Axa Private Equity, Blackstone, Candover. The company offers a hands-on approach and its areas of expertise include management consulting (strategy, organization, marketing, due diligence, surrogate management), corporate finance (private placement, IPO support, out-licensing, in-licensing, mergers and acquisitions), entry into Europe (assessment, strategy, go-it-alone/partnering, management support). Bionest has a strong and growing team of consultants as well as a network of associate members it can deploy to address specific client assignments.

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