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INTRODUCTION

GENENTECH IS GRATIFIED TO BE THE FIRST BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY TO HAVE CONDUCTED A LIFE SCIENCES EXPERIMENT IN MICROGRAVITY.

AMERICANS HAVE DISCOVERED AND APPLIED MOST OF THE PREEMINENT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS CENTURY, INCLUDING THE GENETIC ENGINEERING OF PROTEINS FOR HUMAN HEALTH APPLICATIONS.

WE MUST IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO RAPIDLY TRANSLATE ADVANCES IN PROCESS AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES INTO ECONOMIC AND HEALTH BENEFITS FOR THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.
GENENTECH, INCORPORATED

GENENTECH DISCOVERS AND PRODUCES BY RECOMBINANT DNA TECHNOLOGY PHARMACEUTICALS FOR HUMAN HEALTH.

• 1989 REVENUES OF $476 MILLION

• GROWTH HORMONE, TISSUE PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR AND GAMMA-INTERFERON ARE APPROVED BY THE FDA FOR TREATING GROWTH HORMONE INADEQUACY IN CHILDREN, HEART ATTACK AND CHRONIC GRANULOMATOUS DISEASE IN CHILDREN, RESPECTIVELY

• PARTIAL LIST OF PROTEINS IN CLINICAL TRIALS:
  • DNASE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS
  • INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR FOR DIABETES
  • RELAXIN TO FACILITATE CHILDBIRTH
  • HER-2 FOR BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER
• ~ 40% OF OUR REVENUES REINVESTED IN R & D, TWICE THAT OF OUR NEXT COMPETITOR

• 2100 EMPLOYEES; 27% HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES

• ~ 1,500 PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE PUBLIC LITERATURE BY GENENTECH SCIENTISTS SINCE 1977

• HOLD 88 PATENTS IN U.S. AND 672 ABROAD WITH 1076 PENDING
HISTORY OF PHYSIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS
EXPERIMENT (PSE - 01)

1988   PENN STATE CCDS CONTACTS GENENTECH

1989   GENENTECH MEETS WITH NASA - AMES
RESEARCH CENTER SCIENTISTS AND
ADMINISTRATORS

GENENTECH, AMES AND PENN STATE
PRESENT PLAN TO MR. JAMES ROSE

MANIFESTED ON STS-41 IN DECEMBER

1990   FLIGHT CREW TRAINED FOR PSE-01

PSE-01 LAUNCHED ON DISCOVERY OCT 6
SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE

WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE REPORTS OF BONE AND MUSCLE WAISTING, AS WELL AS IMMUNE CELL DYSFUNCTION, THAT OCCUR IN MICROGRAVITY.

A NUMBER OF HUMAN DISORDERS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH MALADAPTIVE CHANGES IN BONE, MUSCLE AND IMMUNE FUNCTION.

THE ADJUSTMENTS TO SPACE FLIGHT MAY AID IN THE DISCOVERY OF NEW PROTEIN FORMS AND PATTERNS. THIS RESEARCH MAY ALSO PROVIDE STRATEGIES FOR PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF FLIGHT CREWS ENDURING PROLONGED SPACE FLIGHT.

WE MEASURED THE LEVEL OR EFFECT OF A NUMBER OF PROTEINS DURING PSE-01.
WE LEARNED

- PRECIOUS LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT PHYSIOLOGIC ADJUSTMENTS TO MICROGRAVITY.

THUS, OUR ABILITY TO CONTROL SOME IMPORTANT EXPERIMENTAL VARIABLES, AND TO PREDICT THE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY, WAS LIMITED BY LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE.

- NASA IS A COMPLEX AND DEMANDING ORGANISM.
TAKE HOME MESSAGE

PSE-01 FLEW AND LANDED ON TIME!

HEALTHY SPECIMENS WERE RETURNED TO US FOR ANALYSIS.

THE SYSTEM CAN WORK WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.
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DEDICATION

PSE-01 IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF MATTHEW MATLOCK, WHO DIED AT BIRTH DURING THE FLIGHT OF DISCOVERY.