



## Ryoka Systems and BioSolveIT Sign Comprehensive Distribution Contract

Synergy boost for pharma and biotech: Premier cheminformatics manufacturer and Tokyo-based life science IT experts deliver world-class drug design software to Japanese market

Tokyo, Japan and St. Augustin, Germany, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 – Ryoka Systems Inc. (a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation) in Tokyo, Japan has signed a software distribution agreement with renowned cheminformatics provider BioSolveIT GmbH headquartered in St. Augustin, Germany.



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Availability of BioSolveIT's award-winning methodologies from a first hand contact in Japan just became a reality. This agreement solves the issue of distribution, local contact and premium support for Japanese customers.

The synergy effects are expected to be dramatic, as Ryoka Systems also partners with another global player, Canada-based Chemical Computing Group Inc. (CCG), to distribute their drug design and modeling platform MOE. BioSolveIT's portfolio of applications is currently being seamlessly integrated with MOE. BioSolveIT CEO Dr. Christian Lemmen is delighted: "I am certain that this will be one of the most fruitful collaborations we ever had. Ryoka's enormously high reputation and expertise in life science IT software will help us deliver the finest, fully tailored solutions to our valued Japanese customers." Synergies will also arise for customers outside Japan, as all major integration work between BioSolveIT products and MOE® is planned to be made available worldwide free of charge.

Ryoka Systems, who have been in the business of computational sciences for over 25 years, have commenced issuing BioSolveIT tools in their stand-alone version. This includes the promotion of Feature Trees (FTrees), the world's fastest molecular similarity and alignment tool, to interested Japanese users. FTrees has been used very successfully by pharma giants such as Pfizer, Sanofi-Aventis, Roche, and many others. The companies further announced that a BioSolveIT representative will talk at the MOE Forum 2007 to be held in Tokyo on July 24<sup>th</sup> about the latest developments at BioSolveIT. Junichi Goto, Executive Officer at Ryoka's headquarters in Tokyo, promises that "to the benefit of our users, we can now offer 'crème de la crème technology' which has proven its value hundreds of times. I am very excited at the prospect of significantly expanding our portfolio by incorporating BioSolveIT tools such as FTrees, FlexS, FlexV, and 2Ddraw." Forming the perfect complement to its own offerings, the BioSolveIT software clearly represents another big leap forward for Ryoka.

### About Ryoka Systems

Ryoka Systems Inc., a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, was established in 1970 to provide and support Mitsubishi Kasei Corporation with information processing systems. Based on the technology and the knowledge acquired through the development and the operation of business management systems, Ryoka Systems have expanded their business support activities beyond the area of management systems to the planning of corporate IT strategy.

### About BioSolveIT

BioSolveIT is a globally operating cheminformatics and bioinformatics software company. BioSolveIT provides superior custom software solutions for structure-based design, flexible molecular alignment, database searching, library design, and analysis. Its breakthrough computational technologies help to innovate pharmaceutical research fast and effectively – transforming new ideas into real-world success.

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