

## BioLife Solutions' CryoStor® Embedded in Manufacturing Process for Promethera Biosciences HepaStem Cell-Based Treatment for Liver Disorders

BOTHELL, Wash., Sept. 15, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- [BioLife Solutions](#), Inc. (NASDAQ: BLFS), a leading developer, manufacturer and marketer of proprietary clinical grade cell and tissue [hypothermic storage](#) and [cryopreservation freeze](#) media and a related [cloud hosted biologistics cold chain management app](#) for [smart shippers](#) ("BioLife" or the "Company"), today announced that its clinical grade CryoStor freeze media has been embedded into the manufacturing process for HepaStem, a cell-based treatment developed by Promethera Biosciences, targeting several metabolic liver disorders such as hemophilia and large clinical indications including acute or chronic liver failure (ACLF), fibrosis and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

Promethera Biosciences' technology platform is based on a newly discovered cell type, isolated from normal human adult liver tissue: Heterologous Human Adult Liver-derived Progenitor Cells (HHALPC).

Patrick Stragier, Vice President of Operations at Promethera, commented on their adoption of CryoStor by stating, "BioLife's clinical grade cell freeze media has been validated by our team and shown to enable high cell recovery and viability following the manufacturing process, providing at least two years of frozen storage of HepaStem. The use of CryoStor will enable global distribution of this potentially lifesaving cellular therapy."

Mike Rice, BioLife President & CEO, remarked, "We are very pleased to support Promethera in their mission to develop effective cell-based therapies for liver disorders. Our CryoStor freeze media is broadly adopted by the drug discovery and regenerative medicine markets to protect various liver-derived cells during cryopreservation, which enables long term storage and worldwide distribution."

CryoStor and HypoThermosol®, BioLife's cell and tissue storage and shipping media, are now incorporated into more than 220 customer pre-clinical validations and clinical trials of cell-based therapies targeting blood cancers, solid tumors, vision loss, heart disease, stroke, and movement disorders.

### **About Promethera Biosciences**

Promethera Biosciences is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company and the global leader in cell therapy and regenerative medicine for the treatment of inborn and acquired liver diseases with no effective therapeutic cure. Promethera uses allogeneic progenitor cells, stem cells and mature hepatocytes that are harvested and purified from non-transplantable, healthy human livers (Heterologous Human Adult Liver-derived Progenitor Cells, HHALPC and Heterologous Human Liver Cells, HHLivC). These technologies have resulted in the development of three different cell products, HepaStem and H2Stem (progenitor/stem cells) and Heparesc® (mature hepatocytes). Promethera specializes in the development of therapeutic options for the treatment of a broad variety of liver diseases. These range from orphan indications, such as rare inborn metabolic diseases including urea cycle disorders (UCD) or inherited diseases such as  $\alpha$ 1at deficiency ( $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin) and hemophilia to large indications such as acute on chronic liver failure (ACLF), fibrosis and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

Promethera Biosciences is a spin-off of the Walloon Region-based Université catholique de Louvain (UCL) and was founded in 2009 by Prof. Dr. Etienne Sokal and Sopartec, the tech transfer office (TTO) of UCL. Promethera is headquartered in Mont-Saint-Guibert, Belgium with a U.S. based GMP compliant manufacturing facility in Durham, NC, US. For more information please visit [www.promethera.com](http://www.promethera.com).

## **About BioLife Solutions**

BioLife Solutions develops, manufactures and markets biopreservation media products and smart shipping containers connected to a cloud hosted cold chain management app to improve the quality of delivery logistics for cells, tissues, and organs. The Company's proprietary HypoThermosol® and CryoStor® platform of solutions are highly valued in the biobanking, drug discovery, and regenerative medicine markets. BioLife's biopreservation media products are serum-free and protein-free, fully defined, and are formulated to reduce preservation-induced cell damage and death. BioLife's enabling technology provides commercial companies and clinical researchers significant improvement in shelf life and post-preservation viability and function of cells, tissues, and organs.

The [biologistex](http://biologistex.com) cloud based cold chain management service is an integrated logistics and tracking and trace web app used by shippers of time and temperature sensitive biologic materials. The [evo Smart Shipper](http://evo-smart-shipper.com) is a state of the art precision thermal shipping container with embedded payload monitoring, GPS location tracking, and cellular communication electronics that transmit critical shipment information to the cloud. This SaaS app enables users to monitor high value shipments during transit and configure actionable alerts for downstream recipients for location, approaching destination, delivery, package open, and remaining shelf life or stability via the patent pending StableAlert™ countdown timer. For more information please visit [www.biolifesolutions.com](http://www.biolifesolutions.com), and follow BioLife on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/biolifesolutions).

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