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ReSearch, Asklep JV to offer CRO services in Japan

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Ã?Â¢Ã¢â??Â¬Ã Â½Singapore: ReSearch Pharmaceutical Services (RPS) and Japan-based Asklep have formed a joint venture company (JVC) to deliver leading-edge R&D outsourcing solutions in Japan to the biopharmaceutical and medical device industries.

The RPS-Asklep collaboration will leverage RPS' proprietary structures and global footprint to deliver customized solutions across large, mid-size and small and virtual organizations. A breadth of options ranging from embedded, hybrid, and full-service solutions will be available to clients using best-in-class standard operating procedures, processes and systems. Mr Alan Morgan, chief operating officer, RPS, will assume the role of chief fxecutive officer (CEO) of JVC, in addition to his current responsibilities.

Commenting upon the announcement Mr Daniel Perlman, CEO and founder, RPS, said, "By combining RPS' innovative approaches to meeting the industry's needs with Asklep's excellent reputation, significant size, and local infrastructure, RPS will be positioned to meet current and future needs across the biopharmaceutical and medical device industries. Japan is an important market for clinical development and this JVC brings ownership and accountability with mutual success and long-term stability to the benefit of customers."

Mr Hiroshi Ichikawa, president and CEO, Asklep, said that, "We are delighted to partner with RPS as it provides very unique solutions ranging from embedded, functional and cross-functional programs to enhanced global full-service solutions. Combining RPS' global solutions and Asklep's localized services, we believe the JVC will address an unmet need in Japan."