



**DR. BIPIN K. DALMIA JOINS BIOLEX, INC.**  
**AS VICE PRESIDENT, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**PITTSBORO, NC, SEPTEMBER 22, 2003** – Biolex, Inc., announced today the appointment of Bipin Dalmia to the position of Vice President, Business Development. Biolex is a private, venture capital-backed biopharmaceutical company located in the Research Triangle region of North Carolina. Biolex possesses a transformational plant-based system for the development of human therapeutic proteins, a large and rapidly growing market. Biolex currently has four top-tier corporate collaborations for seven different proteins.

“We are delighted that Bipin has joined our Biolex management team. He brings a wealth of relevant agbio and genomics experience. His knowledge and contacts ideally complement the extensive background and proven track record of our other senior managers in development and commercialization of therapeutic proteins,” states John Irick, Senior Vice President, Corporate and Business Development, Biolex, Inc. “Bipin’s presence will allow Biolex to further accelerate its already strong momentum in corporate partnering. His appointment will also enable us to expand our on-going program to identify and acquire rights to novel Biolex proteins and to access innovative drug delivery systems and technologies.”

Dr. Dalmia joins Biolex from Syngenta Plant Science where he was the Business Unit Leader for their Biopharmaceuticals initiative. His other previous industry positions include Director, Product Concepts at Novartis Agricultural Discovery Institute where he led new product planning to develop scientific ideas into product concepts, and Research Manager, Protein Core Facility at Pioneer Hi-Bred International where he managed a protein expression and biochemistry unit providing a wide range of technology services to Pioneer scientists.

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Dr. Dalmia received his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Iowa State University and was granted his MBA by Drake University.

The Biolex LEX System™ for the expression of human therapeutic proteins couples the ideal natural characteristics of the green aquatic plant, *Lemma*, with advanced genetic engineering and protein recovery methods. The LEX System™ uniquely combines the most desired qualities of mammalian cell culture, the current gold standard among existing expression systems (clonal replication, fast growth, high protein content, secretion of the target protein into the media, a contained and controlled environment), with the most sought after characteristics in next generation systems (speed of scale-up, significantly reduced capital requirement, low operating costs).

**About Biolex:** Biolex, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company devoted to discovering, developing and commercializing its proprietary advanced protein expression technology for the development of human therapeutics. Biolex' strategy focuses on the development of Biolex proteins as well as those obtained from partner companies. Biolex' corporate partners include Bayer Corporation, Centocor, Inc., Debiopharm S.A., and a major pharmaceutical company. The Company's headquarters and laboratory facility are based in Pittsboro, North Carolina. Visit the Company's web site at [www.biolex.com](http://www.biolex.com).

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