

## PRESS RELEASE

## PYROSEQUENCING FINALIZES ACQUISITION OF BIOTAGE

**Uppsala, Sweden October 30, 2003** – Pyrosequencing AB (Stockholm: PYROA) today announced that the Company has finalized the acquisition of Biotage, as announced on October 14, through a cash payment of 235 MSEK and taking over a mortgage of 36 MSEK, relating to the premises in Virginia US. Pyrosequencing now owns 100 percent of the shares in Biotage.

Pyrosequencing now has a turnover of 427 MSEK, pro forma 2002. Biotage combined with Personal Chemistry, which was acquired earlier this year, forms business area Discovery Chemistry. This business area has a competitive product portfolio of systems for medicinal chemistry research. David Patteson, until now President of Biotage, will become head of this business area

"Through the acquisition of Biotage, we have strengthened our product offering and become one of the leading suppliers of systems within medicinal chemistry research. The acquisition also gives us the essential critical mass for this business area to reach profitability", says CEO Jeff Bork.

## **About the New Company**

Pyrosequencing accelerates the drug discovery and development process and increases the knowledge of the importance of the genetic make-up by providing complete solutions for medicinal chemistry research and applied genetic analysis. Through its merger with Personal Chemistry the company has further strengthened its customer base of commercial and academic partners, which include the world's top 20 pharmaceutical companies and prestigious academic institutes such as the US National Institutes of Health, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Sweden's Karolinska Institute. Headquartered in Uppsala, Sweden, Pyrosequencing has facilities in Boston, USA, Cambridge, UK and Constance, Germany. After the acquisition of Biotage the company will have approx. 275 employees. Pro-forma the new group had sales of 427 MSEK in 2002. The company is listed on the Stockholm stock exchange. Website: www.pyrosequencing

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