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### DEFYRUS & DRDC SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO COOPERATE ON BIODEFENCE R&D

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**Toronto** - Defyrus Inc. today announced the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with Defence R&D Canada (DRDC-Suffield) to cooperate in the research, development, testing, evaluation and commercialization of their respective and joint technologies directed at antiviral and vaccine developments.

"DRDC-Suffield is at the forefront of advanced R&D on vaccines and broad spectrum antivirals as medical countermeasures" commented Dr. Jeffrey D. Turner, President & CEO of Defyrus, "This collaboration facilitates a broader exchange of ideas, capability and people all focused on improving our nation's response to viral threats should they arise from endemic disease or biological warfare".

"DRDC Suffield has collaborated successfully with R&D companies previously managed by Dr. Turner to research advanced solutions for chemical weapons and improved ballistic protection" stated Dr. Les Nagata, Section Head Biotechnology, DRDC Suffield, "working with Canadian biodefence companies like Defyrus leverages government R&D spending, facilitates commercial development and represents a significant contribution to the federal S&T policy"

#### **About Defyrus**

Defyrus is a life sciences biodefence company that collaborates with military R&D partners in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States to develop anti-viral drugs and vaccines as medical countermeasures to bioterrorist threats and emerging infectious diseases.

#### **About DRDC**

Defence R&D Canada - Suffield, located near Medicine Hat, Alberta, is Canada's centre of expertise in chemical and biological defence. Within the last ten years, the CB program at DRDC has grown to meet the needs of Canadian Forces, in addition to federal, provincial and municipal governments and first responder agencies. DRDC offers timely technical advice, seminars, training and equipment to counter hazards from the use of chemical or biological weapons. Advances in biochemical detection, identification and decontamination continue to see DRDC as a world-class leader in CB research. DRDC, an Agency within the Department of National Defence, has been keeping Canada in the forefront of defence and national security technology by providing scientific leadership to the Canadian Forces and the Canadian defence industry for more than 60 years. Website: [www.drdc-rddc.dnd.ca](http://www.drdc-rddc.dnd.ca)

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