



ALPHADEV ANNOUNCES JOHN OSBORNE JOINING AS MANAGING PARTNER RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL COMPANY LEADERSHIP

Life Science Veteran Ben Hertzog Also Joins Company as Director

Houston (March 4, 2010) --- AlphaDev, LLC, an early-stage life science investment and management company, announces that John Osborne has joined the Company as Managing Partner responsible for the overall leadership of the organization.

“John is a seasoned entrepreneur who has experience in technology-driven start-ups, and we welcome his creative drive and business building expertise to the AlphaDev team,” said Leo E. Linbeck III, the President of Aquinas Companies, LLC, which is the primary sponsor of AlphaDev.

Martin Lindenberg, MD, has relinquished the full time role of President of AlphaDev to pursue other opportunities and remains a board member and owner of the company. He continues to provide consulting to AlphaDev and a number of its portfolio companies.

Osborne assumes responsibility for the management of AlphaDev, including day-to-day operations, continued development of its portfolio companies, evaluation of new investment opportunities, and reporting to the board of managers. He is a proven entrepreneur across a variety of industries, having founded and grown a New York-based digital imaging business, a Houston-based kiosk DVD rental business, and most recently a venture funded California-based life science company. “John’s ability to create and execute new disruptive business models has changed the landscape in their respective industries,” added Linbeck. “He raised over \$100 million in institutional financing to fund the growth of his ventures, and with that he brings experience working with professional investors in early stage ventures.”

Joining Osborne on a part time basis as a Director is Ben Hertzog, who brings over a decade of experience in healthcare and life sciences as an entrepreneur, investor and management consultant. Hertzog will be working on managing several AlphaDev portfolio companies as well as vetting new investment opportunities. He also brings venture capital experience, having served as Vice President of BCM Technologies, an early-stage venture capital firm affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine, and as an engagement manager with the management consulting firm McKinsey & Co., where he was a member of the firm’s Pharmaceutical and Medical Products Practice. Hertzog is also a Board member of the MIT Enterprise Forum of Texas and Co-Chair of the MIT Forum’s New Venture Clinic.

As a result of this leadership change, AlphaDev strengthens its industry leading position in providing proactive, hands-on and strategic management expertise combined with early stage capital to emerging life science technology companies in the greater Houston area.

AlphaDev, LLC (www.alphadevllc.com) is a Houston-based technology development company that focuses on early-stage life science opportunities originating primarily in the Texas Medical Center. Together with its parent company, Aquinas Companies, LLC (www.aquinasco.com), AlphaDev provides both managerial talent and seed-stage funding to help promising life science technologies develop to the point of revenue generation, potential venture funding or strategic sale. AlphaDev has nine portfolio companies, including a mix of medical device and therapeutic companies. Two portfolio companies have received Emerging Technology Fund investments.