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Pittsburgh-based chemical technology company Fluorous Technologies, Inc. (FTI), announced that US Patent 7,060,850 "Fluorous Tagging and Scavenging Reactants and Methods of Synthesis and Use Thereof", issued today. The patent broadly covers the use of fluororous tagging compounds and fluororous scavenging compounds to increase the fluororous nature of organic compounds. The increased fluororous nature facilitates the separation of fluororous tagged from untagged components of a reaction mixture and allows for subsequent chemical transformations to be performed without loss of the fluororous tagged organic compound. The fluororous tag can be easily removed from the organic compound which may then find use in a variety of applications, including drug discovery and systems biology.

"This patent, the first ever issued to FTI, represents a significant broadening of our intellectual property coverage and affirms our company's leading position in the commercialization of this important technology" said Dr. Philip E. Yeske, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fluorous Technologies.

Fluorous Technologies, Inc. (FTI) is a chemical technology company dedicated to the development and commercialization of fluororous products focused at the life science market. The company uses patented technology to solve synthesis and separation problems spanning the entire drug discovery and development process. FTI further leverages its enabling technology through service contracts, licenses, and collaborations. For more information, please visit www.fluorous.com.

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