



For Immediate Release

AMRI Announces Promotion for CFO Mark T. Frost



Albany, NY (March 3, 2009)—AMRI (NASDAQ: AMRI) today announced the promotion of Chief Financial Officer Mark T. Frost to senior vice president, administration and chief financial officer. In this expanded role, Mr. Frost will add to his responsibilities for finance and accounting the leadership for investor relations, sourcing, legal, communications, information technology, facility management and logistics, and will continue to report to Chairman, CEO and President Thomas E. D'Ambra, Ph.D. Mr. Frost joined AMRI as chief financial officer in December 2004.

"In recognition of Mark's role in the organization and his contributions above and beyond a CFO's responsibilities, I am pleased to announce this promotion," said Dr. D'Ambra. "Mark has made significant contributions and provided important leadership to AMRI on multiple fronts as a member of the senior management team. Over the past four years, he has helped lead an increase in the profitability of our contract business, excluding Allegra, of over 340%."

Dr. D'Ambra continued, "As part of this promotion, additional responsibilities have been added to his workload. Given Mark's record for obtaining positive results, we believe this transition will further enable AMRI to benefit from organizational synergies as we continue to focus on implementing practices that will keep our costs of doing business low while maintaining industry-leading standards for quality and customer service."

Prior to joining AMRI, Mr. Frost served as vice president of finance for Smith & Nephew Endoscopy, a global medical device division of S&N PLC. Prior to Smith & Nephew, he spent 14 years in progressively responsible positions at General Electric Company. Mr. Frost received a B.A. with honors in International Relations/Economics from Colgate University, and conducted graduate coursework at INSEAD.

About AMRI

Founded in 1991, Albany Molecular Research Inc. provides scientific services, products and technologies focused on improving the quality of life. AMRI works on drug discovery and development projects and conducts manufacturing of active ingredients and pharmaceutical intermediates for many of the world's leading healthcare companies. As an additional value added service to its customers, the company is also investing in R&D in order to expand its contract services and to identify novel early stage drug candidates with the goal to outlicense to a strategic partner. With locations in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, AMRI provides customers with a wide range of services, technologies and cost models.

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