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### Halifax Brain Repair Centre joins forces with Neurodyn Inc.

**Halifax, Nova Scotia August 11, 2009** Halifax's Brain Repair Centre (BRC) is building the knowledge economy and promoting commercialization in Atlantic Canada, through a new partnership with Neurodyn Inc. of Prince Edward Island.

A formal Memorandum of Understanding signed recently, is the Brain Repair Centre's first such agreement with a private Canadian biotech company, Director of Research, Dr. Harold Roberson said.

"We are excited about this new partnership because Neurodyn's vision and approach align so closely with the Brain Repair Centre's," says Dr. Robertson, the BRC's research director and professor of pharmacology at Dalhousie Medical School. "We each aim to identify and treat diseases of the brain at their earliest stages, before they cause irreparable harm."

Located at the National Research Council's Institute for Nutrisciences and Health in Charlottetown, Neurodyn Inc. is focused on the development and commercialization of products for early detection and treatment of neurological diseases. The company's technology has been developed over a period of eight years and includes unique animal models for the study of preclinical human neurodegenerative diseases such as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

The success of the Neurodyn researchers was recognized in a recent funding announcement by the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Financial support from Fox places this company alongside top tier pharmaceutical companies and innovator biotechnology companies.

The Brain Repair Centre (BRC) has established MOUs with a number of prestigious institutions. These agreements establish a framework and terms of reference for cooperation and collaboration between the BRC and its partner institutions. They foster cooperation in the areas of collaborative research programs, clinical programs, high level training, exchange of faculty and students, technology transfer and facilitation of commercial opportunities. In addition to Neurodyn Inc., the BRC holds MOUs with the Brain Research Group, Cardiff University Wales, and the Center for Neuroregeneration Research, McLean Hospital / Harvard University, and the Norman Bethune College of Medical Sciences, Jilin University Chang Chun China.

The BRC is a multidisciplinary collaboration linking more than 100 world-class researchers and physicians specializing in groundbreaking treatments and technologies in the field of brain repair. They range from surgeons who replace tissue in the human brain to recover lost capability, to scientists in the field of imaging, stem cell neurobiology, pharmacology, psychiatry, ophthalmology, neurology and cognitive neuroscience. BRC research is dedicated to disorders such as Parkinson's, Huntington's, Alzheimer's, ALS, multiple sclerosis, serious mental illness, stroke, epilepsy, vision dysfunction, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, cancer and chronic pain.

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