



## **SoBran Receives Assurance Acceptance from the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare**

FAIRFAX, Va. (June 28, 2010) SoBran's Animal Welfare Assurance for the company's Rangos Pre-Clinical Biotechnology Laboratory and Animal Facility at the Johns Hopkins Science and Technology Park was accepted by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).

"An approved Assurance by OLAW permits SoBran to conduct and support PHS funded research in our Baltimore facility," explained Dr. Gregory Kelly, Vice President of SoBran's Biomedical Services Group. "This is a major step forward for us and an indication of our commitment to maintaining a quality research environment."

Part of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Office of Extramural Research, OLAW is charged with overseeing compliance with the Public Health Service (PHS) *Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. OLAW provides guidance and interpretation of the PHS policy, supports educational programs, and monitors policy compliance by assured institutions. The policy covers the use of live, vertebrate animals in any research, testing, or training supported or conducted by the PHS, thereby contributing to the quality of PHS-supported activities.

"We had to provide a detailed, written Animal Welfare Assurance to OLAW, describing how we comply with the PHS policy," continued Dr. Kelly. "OLAW then negotiated and approved the Assurances on behalf of NIH's director. Our Assurance was specifically tailored to the needs, research practices, and procedures employed at our Rangos facility. This Assurance commits us to full compliance with the PHS Policy."

SoBran's animal facility at the Johns Hopkins Science and Technology Park supports a wide variety of GLP and non-GLP preclinical toxicology, drug safety and discovery testing, behavioral research, and tumorigenicity studies focused on personalized medicine. SoBran's animal facility incorporates high quality animal care and scientific support with the latest technology to assist our customers in reaching their research goals.

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