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Further business growth for Ithaka

As its UK and European business base continues to expand, Cambridge firm, Ithaka Life Sciences, a leading provider of consultancy and interim management services to new and growing life science businesses, has opened a regional office at the NetPark Incubator in Sedgefield, County Durham. NetPark is the UK's newest location for start-up businesses and leading edge, knowledge-based companies. It is already home to two of the University of Durham's technology spin-outs.

Dr John Adair has been appointed to manage the new office. John has been a self-employed consultant to the life science industry for the last five years and has held management positions in Celltech, Scotgen and Axis Genetics. He is a molecular biologist with over 20 years' experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, ranging from research to pre-clinical product development and including line and project management responsibilities. He has participated in the design and development of recombinant antibodies and vaccines.

Dr Paul Rodgers, Managing Director of Ithaka, said: "We are delighted that John is joining Ithaka. His experience will be invaluable as we seek to grow our business through the establishment of a regional office. He has already worked closely with Ithaka as an associate and several of our clients have benefited extensively from his expertise and knowledge. This appointment, and the opening of the new office, demonstrates Ithaka's commitment to providing its services to clients throughout the UK."

Ithaka was founded in 2000 by Paul Rodgers and Gavin Scott Duncan and has quickly built a reputation as one of the UK's leading consultancy and interim management services specialising in new and growing life science businesses. The Ithaka team of five has a combined total of over 150 years' industry experience and in addition to their individual technical expertise they all have direct experience in founding and growing life science companies. Ithaka now has UK offices in Cambridge and County Durham and a European office in Belgium.

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