

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**LONG TIME METAMORPHIX, INC. DIRECTOR AND FORMER CO-CHAIRMAN LOSES HIS BATTLE WITH CANCER**

Beltsville, MD, November 4, 2009 – MetaMorphix, Inc. of Beltsville, Maryland announced that, Peter Meyer, a long time director of the company who had resigned his position due to health reasons in August 2009, lost his battle with cancer on Friday, October 30th. Mr. Meyer joined the board in 1998 and served in a number of capacities, Co-Chairman from 2005 until his resignation, Chairman of the Audit Committee and member of the Executive and Finance Committees.

“Peter Meyer has left an indelible mark on the company. We have lost a cherished member of the MetaMorphix family,” remarked Edwin C. Quattlebaum, Ph.D., MetaMorphix, Inc’s President & CEO. “While our board benefited greatly from his business acumen and depth of experience in the livestock industry, Peter was not opposed to getting in the trenches with management working tirelessly to help us through some difficult issues. Additionally, Peter was a significant investor in the company having personally funded us during several financial crises.”

“Peter and I joined the MetaMorphix board together in 1998,” said Clifton A. Baile, Ph.D., MetaMorphix director and D. W. Brooks Distinguished Professor, University of Georgia. “Peter provided the company with great leadership. He was one of the company’s greatest friends and most ardent supporters.”

Mr. Meyer had more than 30 years of experience in agribusiness. He was president of PMI Consultants, a firm he founded in 1983 to develop ventures, acquisition and divestiture opportunities, and investment strategies for companies involved in the domestic and international food, feed, and fermentation industries. Mr. Meyer previously served as Vice President of Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Vice President of Marketing, Technology, and Sales for Nabisco Brands, Inc., and held the posts of Vice President of Corporate Development and President of the International Division for Sucrest, Inc. Mr. Meyer received a B.A. from The Johns Hopkins University, where he also played center for the varsity basketball team and an M.B.A. from New York University. On behalf of the MetaMorphix family, our condolences to his wife, Nancy, son Drew his nephew J.R. , and their families.

About MetaMorphix, Inc.

MetaMorphix, Inc. is a life sciences company dedicated to discovering and commercializing multiple technology platforms to improve human and animal health. The company and its corporate partners are developing products to substantially increase livestock quality and production efficiency, to improve companion animal health, and to treat human muscle degenerative diseases and metabolic disorders utilizing MetaMorphix's animal genomics and growth and differentiation factors (GDFs) technologies. MetaMorphix was founded in 1994; it has headquarters in Beltsville, MD, and lab facilities in Davis, CA.

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