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Aresa has achieved to get permission from the Serbian authorities to plant transgenic tobacco for the detection of explosives

It is the second time in two attempts that Aresa has achieved to get permission to plant transgenic plants in Serbia. This time the permission is related to the recently transformed RedDetect® version in the tobacco plant.

"I am very delighted that we receive the permission now, as it means we can continue our plans of sowing our genetically modified tobacco for the detection of explosives from land mines in Serbia this summer", says Steen Thaarup, CEO of Aresa, and continues:

"We have now achieved two of the four objectives we set up for 2008, and we still expect to be able to report a successful color change in tobacco after growth in soil with explosives by the end of 2008".

The first objective achieved in Q1 was the successful transfer of the RedDetect® technology into tobacco, and the second is this permission from Serbia.

It is still part of the objectives to establish a winter test area in a subtropical or tropical area to have a longer growth period for the tobacco plants enabling more results in 2008.

The content of this message is not expected to have impact on the result for the current financial year.

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About Aresa

Aresa is a plant biotech company established in 2001 by the company's current CSO, Carsten Meier. It originates from the Institute of Molecular Biology at Copenhagen University.

Aresa focuses on the plant-based technology platform: BioSensor for the detection of substances in soil, including leakage of explosives from landmines.

Aresa shares are traded at the Nasdaq/OMX-First North stock exchange since the introduction in 2006. Aresa is based at Symbion Science Park in Copenhagen and has greenhouse facilities on the outskirts of



Copenhagen and test sites in Denmark, Croatia, and Serbia. Aresa has 11 employees, 7 in research & development and 2 in landmine operations.