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# OncoMethylome Sciences Issues Second Business Update for 2008

**Liege (Belgium) – November 6, 2008, 08.00 CET** – OncoMethylome Sciences (Euronext Brussels: ONCOB, Euronext Amsterdam: ONCOA), an innovative molecular diagnostics company, today issued its Q3 2008 business update, providing an overview of its financial position and summarizing material events that took place during this period.

## Q3 2008 material events

- Launch of colorectal cancer screening test (ColoSure) by LabCorp in North America
- Enrollment of first 1300 patients for the blood-based colorectal cancer clinical trial
- Significant advances in the research and development of several diagnostic products
- Expansion of team in certain key functions

OncoMethylome's commercial partner LabCorp, launched ColoSure<sup>™</sup>, a stool-based testing service for colorectal cancer screening on the North American market. This test uses the OncoMethylome methylation technology. OncoMethylome supplies LabCorp with reagents for providing this testing service. This is the second testing service containing OncoMethylome's components or technology to be launched in 2008. An assay for sensitive and accurate detection of prostate cancer has been available in North America since Q2 2008.

OncoMethylome continues to develop 2 other tests for colon cancer screening. One test is based on stool and the other is based on blood samples. OncoMethylome is conducting a multi-center international clinical trial to validate these new tests and in Q3 2008 enrolled its first 1300 patients at 13 different sites in this new clinical trial.

OncoMethylome hired several experienced new people in Q3, including people for new positions such as a Medical Officer, a Product Marketing Manager, a Kit Production Manager and several other key people with many years of industry experience.

Current priorities for OncoMethylome include the selection of a North American commercial partner for OncoMethylome's colorectal cancer screening blood test. In addition, OncoMethylome is proactively evaluating its options for distributing its products on the European market.

## Key non-audited financials, as of 30.09.2008

Euro thousands	Sept. 30, 2008	Sept 30, 2007
Revenues	758	641
EBITDA Income (Loss)	(2.079)	(2.411)
EBIT Operating Income (Loss)	(2.330)	(2.571)
Net Profit (Loss)	(2.065)	(2.362)
Cash and cash equivalents	23.999	24.785

#### Amounts as at and for the **three** months ended

#### Amounts as at and for the **nine** months ended

Euro thousands	Sept. 30, 2008	Sept 30, 2007
Revenues	2.279	1.764
EBITDA Income (Loss)	(7.800)	(7.748)
EBIT Operating Income (Loss)	(8.548)	(8.178)
Net Profit (Loss)	(7.765)	(7.458)
Cash and cash equivalents	23.999	24.785

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## About OncoMethylome Sciences

OncoMethylome Sciences (Euronext Brussels: ONCOB; Euronext Amsterdam: ONCOA) is a molecular diagnostics company developing gene methylation tests to assist physicians in effectively detecting and treating cancer. Specifically, the company's tests are designed to help the physician (i) accurately detect cancer in early stages of cancer development, (ii) predict a patient's response to drug therapy, and (iii) predict the likelihood of cancer recurrence.

OncoMethylome boasts a broad product development pipeline consisting of ten products and a solid partnering record. The company collaborates with leading international molecular oncology research centers, such as The Johns Hopkins University, and has a number of commercial and collaborative partnerships with Veridex LLC, a Johnson & Johnson company, LabCorp, Schering-Plough Corp., GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, Abbott, Merck KGaA, and Millipore Corporation's BioScience Division. OncoMethylome's products are based on methylation technology invented by Johns Hopkins University (USA).

Established in January 2003, OncoMethylome has offices in Liege and Leuven (Belgium), in Durham, NC (USA), and in Amsterdam (the Netherlands).

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