

## Coffey Analysis and Softagon Form Partnership to Deliver Custom Software Applications for Biotechnology Automation

**New effort to focus on increasing the productivity of the Drug Discovery Process**

San Francisco, CA (April 14, 2003) -- Coffey Analysis and Softagon Corporation announced today a partnership designed to support the efforts of biotechnology firms to extract greater value from their capital investments through new software applications.

The two companies will focus their efforts on providing Coffey Analysis' *Automation Explorer* product to biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. The Automation Explorer provides the software backbone for a drug-discovery automation tailored to match a particular client's research process. The Automation Explorer ties together the information produced by different scientists working on instruments supplied by multiple vendors. Unlike other approaches, it meets the requirements of the FDA's 21 CFR Part 11 for electronic records.

Patrick Coffey, president of Coffey Analysis, said "I'm very excited about the opportunity of working with Softagon. I've been very impressed with the technical strength I've seen, and I've worked with Eric Wells, Softagon's president before. Softagon's commitment to customer support makes me confident that this relationship will help us succeed in building lasting relationships."

Eric Wells, president of Softagon, Inc. said "When we looked at the dynamics of a biotechnology firm in the drug discovery stage, we literally saw software applications all over the place. Pat's insights into how to make these applications talk to each other will increase the productivity of scientists working in the lab."

Coffey Analysis, founded in 2001, specializes in pharmaceutical and biotechnology automation (<http://www.coffeyanalysis.com>). Patrick Coffey has over 25 years of expertise in the biotechnology industry, including positions with Biotage, Accelrys, Waters, Matson Instruments, and Nicolet Instruments.

Softagon Corporation, founded in 1998 and based in San Francisco, develops custom software applications and services for companies in investment management, corporate finance, and real estate. A Microsoft Certified Business Partner, Softagon's senior team delivers high quality software with a track record of satisfied clients. (<http://www.softagon.com>)

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