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*Improving human health and protecting the
environment through scientific research services*

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*A newsletter dedicated to keeping our colleagues informed of progress and changes
at WIL Research, as well as scientific and regulatory matters of interest.*

Major Facility Expansion Completed

The third and last phase of WIL Research's major expansion project, the West Addition, was opened in November 2006. It adds 52,000 square feet of vivarium and new state-of-the-art Bioanalytical, Analytical and Metabolism laboratories. This last phase completes our current three-phase new construction project that has added a total of 100,000 square feet to our single-site campus. The vivarium expansion has now added a total of 40 new study rooms and brings our total to 126 rooms.

The November vivarium opening adds 23 new multi-purpose rooms including large long-term study rooms and an isolated area for metabolism studies with radioisotopes, including a dedicated necropsy suite. The earlier facility expansion phases included the South Addition which opened in August 2005, adding a 10 room wing to the Non-Human Primate facility; and, the East Addition which opened in February 2006 adding 7 study rooms, an expanded formulations laboratory, and central service functions to gain operational efficiencies.

WIL Research's investments in facilities of the highest quality is recognized throughout the industry. This latest expansion continues WIL's distinct facility traits.

Also, significant attention to detail in the vivarium was continued as demonstrated by design requirements for wide hallways and study rooms with enhanced square footage per animal and enhanced ceiling heights. Significant investment was made to ensure that the latest technology in mechanical systems, was incorporated; in particular heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC).

Each study room is continually monitored centrally and documented for light cycles, and temperature and humidity; the latter with dual sensors. The vivarium design incorporated interstitial space above the animal rooms to accommodate all mechanical systems and to allow for maintenance of equipment without disturbing ongoing studies. The second-floor laboratories were designed to accommodate workflow, allow for significant near-term growth and three distinct laboratories: analytical, bioanalytical and metabolism. Important design elements also included people-friendly work spaces for staff and clients, common areas and views of the campus.

In addition to the new construction, an additional 30,000 square feet of existing laboratories and support space were renovated and expanded to support the new vivarium. These laboratories include necropsy, histology, clinical pathology, and PK/TK, as well as the surgical suite, safety pharmacology control room, and the technical staff rooms.

WIL Research has always expanded facilities at such a rate to ensure continuation of the high quality and well-trained staff our clients have come to expect. Our philosophy has been that overly aggressive facility expansions have the potential to stretch technical resources and potentially compromise operational and scientific execution. WIL has a history of successful expansion implementations scaled to ensure that there is properly trained and experienced staff to effectively execute the additional volume of work that follows. We are confident that we have remained true to this strategy as the 40 new rooms in our vivarium have been successfully implemented in three stages of completed construction: August 2005, February 2006 and November 2006. Investment in new technical and support staff began in early 2005 (see page 6-7) well before the facilities were to open.

WIL Research continues to focus, not on being the largest, but continuing to be one of the best CROs in the industry: dedicated to strong science, quality study execution and reporting, and individual service to our clients.