



## **DIREVO Strengthens Management Team**

**Cologne, Germany, November 9, 2011** - DIREVO Industrial Biotechnology GmbH (DIREVO) announced today that Klaudija Milos and Dr. Albrecht Laeufer joined the management team of the Company. With the addition of Klaudija and Albrecht, the restructuring of DIREVO's management is completed to back the recently implemented product development and growth strategy focusing on biomass conversion markets.

Klaudija Milos, who has been Director of Business Development with responsibilities also for corporate alliances and marketing since joining DIREVO in 2008, has been promoted to become the new Vice President of the Industrial Solutions Business Unit. Klaudija received an engineering degree with specialization in biotechnology at the Mannheim University of Applied Science in Mannheim, Germany. In her new position she will be working together with DIREVO's partners and clients from the fast-growing biomass conversion industry.

Dr. Albrecht Laeufer will be heading up the Lignocellulose Business Unit as Vice President. He joined DIREVO in June 2011 from being cofounder and CEO of Corvay GmbH, Hannover and has over 20 years of international management experience in the vaccine, pharmaceutical, chemical and industrial biotech industries in leading functions, at Vakzine Projekt Management, Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Solvay Enzymes and Rütgerswerke. The Lignocellulose Business Unit focuses on turning biological feedstocks into "green fuels" and bulk chemicals. Dr. Laeufer and his team will develop, optimize and implement solutions for DIREVO's partners and customers in the form of biocatalysts and bioprocesses in all areas of lignocellulosic biomass conversion.

"We are delighted to welcome Klaudija and Albrecht as vice presidents of our business units at DIREVO. This completes the reorganization of the management team", said Dr. Joerg Riesmeier, CEO of DIREVO. "Klaudija has been with us several years now and has been growing quickly into her new role. She has a detailed knowledge of our scientific team as well as knowing well all our clients' needs. Albrecht joined us more recently, but we are already sure that he is the right person to scale up DIREVO's business in the area of lignocelluloses, a growing future market in the sustainable resources field."

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### **About DIREVO Industrial Biotechnology GmbH**

DIREVO Industrial Biotechnology GmbH ("DIREVO") is a biotechnology company with a focus on the biomass conversion industry. Direvo identifies bottlenecks and weaknesses in current industrial processes in this sector and develops and implements biology-based solutions together with large and small industrial partners. Initially a business unit of DIREVO Biotech AG, it became an independent company in 2008 in the course of the sale of DIREVO Biotech AG to Bayer Healthcare AG. From the sourcing of biological diversity through our efficient biocatalyst optimization platform to our established process development capabilities, we cover full technology development cycles in all areas of biomass conversion.

Our products are newly designed enzymes and microorganisms of the highest quality that provide easy-to-implement, cost-effective solutions. Our contribution assures that our partners stay competitive and profitable while we add to their ability to make the future cleaner, greener and safer. Initial products from DIREVO's enzyme optimization facility are already gone in the market. DIREVO's multi-parameter optimized Phytase (in collaboration with Genencor) and Mannanase (proprietary) are best-in-class products.

DIREVO Industrial Biotechnology GmbH is privately owned and located in Cologne, Germany.

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