

Deinove confirms the allowance of its foundation patent by the European Patent Office

At the end of 2010, the European Patent Office notified the allowance of the European patent application EP2016183 which covers the chromosome engineering process invented by Deinove cofounder Professor Miroslav Radman in 2006. The European Patent Office has now indicated that the formal decision of allowance will be published on next June 15th.

Paris, May 19, 2011 – [Deinove](#) (Alternext Paris: ALDEI), the world's leading specialist in Deinococcus bacteria for biofuels, green chemistry and antibiotics, today confirmed that the European Patent Office had granted the patent application EP2016183 entitled "Process for chromosome engineering using a novel DNA repair system".

The EP2016183 patent covers a genetic engineering process that exploits the deinococci's unique self-repair ability - a property that has enabled these bacteria to enrich their genome through natural evolution over 3 billion years. This self-repair process enabled them to develop the exceptional natural ability to exploit biomass by borrowing genes from other living organisms. The ability to integrate these survival genes has made the deinococci exceptional candidates for industrial exploitation.

About DEINOVE

The greentech company Deinove (Alternext Paris: ALDEI) is dedicated to the development and commercial exploitation of innovative technological processes for the production of biofuels and other compounds of industrial or pharmaceutical interest, by exploiting the deinococci's exceptional natural properties. Deinove successfully floated on the Alternext stock market in April 2010. The company intends to leverage its proprietary bacterial strains, technologies and processes by outlicensing to industrial partners. Deinove has partnered with leading sugar, ethanol and starch company TEREOS in order to develop the Deinol project, which aims at producing cellulosic ethanol in existing industrial facilities.

Deinove currently has 25 staff and operates several collaborative R&D programmes with the CNRS (Montpellier and Marseilles), the University of Paris V, INSA Toulouse and the VTT-Technical Research Centre of Finland. It was incorporated in late 2006 under the joint impetus of Philippe Pouletty MD (Managing Partner at the private equity firm Truffle Capital) and Professor Miroslav Radman (Professor of Cell Biology at Paris-Descartes University, a member of the French Academy of Science and winner of the 2003 INSERM Medical Research Prize). Professor Radman elucidated the genetic mechanism behind the extraordinary natural properties of the bacterium *Deinococcus* (biodiversity and robustness) on which Deinove's innovation strategy is based. The company's headquarters are in Paris and it operates a lab in Montpellier (Cap Alpha Technopark), southern France.

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Updates are available on the company's website <http://www.deinove.com>

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