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### **Cato Research Expands into New England Market; Adds Key Senior Executives**

**Research Triangle Park, NC, September 17, 2003** – Cato Research, a leading full-service contract research organization, today announced the opening of its new office in Waltham, Massachusetts and the addition of two experienced members to its senior management team, James R. Weston and Susan M. Flint.

"We are excited to have Jim and Susan join our core management team," said Allen Cato, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cato Research. "Their considerable experience and leadership skills will be important assets as Cato Research continues in its strategy to provide flexible, responsive, and integrated drug and biologic development expertise to local companies in key markets."

Jim Weston joined Cato Research as Vice President, Corporate & Regulatory Strategy and Managing Director of the Company's new Boston area office. Mr. Weston has over 30 years of experience in the development of biological and pharmaceutical products, most recently serving as Vice President, Government Affairs and Strategic Policy of Biopure Corporation. Mr. Weston also served in numerous management positions in Regulatory, Clinical Research, Quality Assurance and Quality Control at DuPont Pharmaceuticals.

Susan Flint joined Cato Research as Vice President, Drug Development. Ms. Flint has over 25 years of experience in regulatory submissions and clinical trials, including previous positions as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Clinical Operations of EPIX Medical, Inc., Director of Clinical Trials at Advanced Magnetics, Inc. and Director of Regulatory Affairs at DuPont Pharmaceuticals.

### ***About Cato Research***

Founded in 1988 by Dr. Allen Cato and Lynda Sutton and headquartered near Research Triangle Park, NC, Cato Research is a full-service contract research organization providing strategic and tactical support for clients in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device industries ranging from design and management of preclinical and clinical studies to submission of regulatory documents required for marketing approval. With a staff of approximately 300 and offices located in the United States, Europe, Canada, Israel, and South Africa, the Cato Research team consistently demonstrates an unsurpassed level of responsiveness, flexibility, attention to detail, and passion in bringing their clients' products to market rapidly and cost effectively. For more information, visit the company's web site at [www.cato.com](http://www.cato.com).

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