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BioTeam, Life Technologies Launch Extended Services & Support for Torrent Server

Marco Island, FL– Life Technologies (NASDAQ: LIFE) and BioTeam Inc. have partnered to provide extended service and support for the Ion Torrent Server and Torrent Suite Software. Among the services offered are training, troubleshooting, and limited data management strategy consulting. The new subscription-based support package is intended to help Ion Personal Genome Machine (PGM™) users maximize their investment and simplify related IT management.

The Torrent Server is an integral part of the Ion PGM System. Pre-configured with the Torrent Suite Software, this scalable computing platform converts raw signal into base calls in less than an hour and delivers the data to the end user through a simple web interface. Torrent Suite Software runs on the open source linux-based Ubuntu operating system and leverage several other open source software packages..

“The combination of a pre-configured Torrent Server and the helping hand from the BioTeam ensure that data will quickly and simply flow from the Ion PGM sequencer, scalably stored on the Torrent Server, and ready to feed into the analysis solution of choice,” said Mike Lelivelt, Ph.D., Director of Bioinformatics and Software Products at Ion Torrent. “The BioTeam brings years of experience in helping researchers with genomics data management.”

Highlights of BioTeam’s Torrent Server IT/Linux Software Support include:

- **Data Management Strategy.** A BioTeam senior scientific consultant will provide guidance on biological and data management strategies for the Torrent Server during an initial phone consultation.
- **Training.** Email, web, and phone-based training are available for a variety of key tasks including: configuring the accessibility of web pages hosted on the Torrent Server; data management from the command line on the Torrent Server; integrating additional data archive sources such as USB-mounted or network-attached storage;

and configuration, use, and maintenance of the Ubuntu operating system.

- **Troubleshooting.** BioTeam can also provide personalized debugging guidance and support on issues not specifically mentioned above but related to the integration of the Torrent Server in the lab environment.

"The Ion PGM sequencer will provide researchers in large and small labs access to cost-effective DNA sequencing without trading off performance. BioTeam will leverage our deep experience to simply and scaleably integrate Ion Torrent into their research environments," said Stan Gloss Managing Director from the BioTeam. "We want to insure that customers have a great experience with their Ion PGM sequencer."

The new support package will be available within the coming weeks and will be available for purchase at the Ion Torrent web store, located at <http://www.iontorrent.com/store-iontorrent/>.

The cost of a three-month subscription to the BioTeam's Torrent Server IT/Linux Software Support is U.S. \$999; for a 12-month subscription the cost is US\$1999.

About BioTeam

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