



Zymeworks Inc. nominated for BIOTECCanada's Gold Leaf Award as Early Stage Company of the Year

Vancouver, Canada, May 13, 2008 – Zymeworks Inc. is pleased to announce that it has been nominated for BIOTECCanada's Gold Leaf Awards in the category of Early Stage Company of the Year – Industrial & Agriculture. The award recipient will be announced during the 2008 BIO International Convention in San Diego on June 17, 2008.

About Zymeworks Inc.

Zymeworks is a computational biotechnology company that combines proprietary molecular simulation technology with high performance computing to research and develop industrial enzymes and protein therapeutics. Zymeworks uses its proprietary ZymeCAD™ molecular simulation platform and world-class team of protein engineers to alter enzyme substrate specificity and antibody-binding affinities. The ZymeCAD™ suite of applications creates a highly detailed computational modeling environment for accurate and predictive semi-rational protein engineering. This detailed physical and chemical insight is used to address the specific needs of Zymeworks' customers and advance its protein-therapeutics pipeline.

About BIOTECCanada's Gold Leaf Awards – Early Stage Company of the Year

Launched in 2003, the Early Stage Company of the Year recognizes the potential of Canadian companies with annual revenues of less than \$15 million CAD and with no commercialized product. They will have distinguished themselves from their peers with demonstrated technology innovation and achieved milestones. Two companies will be recognized: One company from the Health sector and one company from the Industrial and Agriculture sector.

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