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**Five North Carolina Companies To Seek Investors At 2015 BioMarine
Business Convention October 12-14 in Wilmington**
*Marine Biotech Companies From Across The State To
Present At Sixth Annual Convention*

WILMINGTON, N.C., Sept. 25, 2015 – [BioMarine](#), the international investment platform dedicated to the development of marine bio-resources, has announced that five North Carolina companies will meet with international partners during the 2015 [BioMarine Business Convention](#), which will be held in Wilmington Oct. 12-14. These firms represent the Triangle, Triad, eastern NC and the coast.

As part of the convention, hour-long investment track sessions will pair industry leaders with smaller, enterprising companies for a panel discussion and pitch session. Fifteen companies in total will present during these sessions, including the five from North Carolina, four others from the United States and six from other countries.

The strong representation of North Carolina companies at the convention is a credit to the state's thriving marine biotechnology industry. With more than 300 miles of Atlantic coastline, 12,000 miles of estuarine shoreline and world-renowned universities, North Carolina's coast, particularly Wilmington, has become an ideal place to commercialize technologies from the ocean. Entrepreneurs, scientists and educators statewide are developing marine biotech opportunities in aquaculture, diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, natural products, fuel/energy, seafood preservation, fish feed, water-quality testing, waste remediation and byproducts derived from algae.

The following five North Carolina companies will present during the convention:

- **EnSolve Biosystems** – Founded in 1995, the Raleigh-based company developed and has installed its patented PetroLimiter oil-water separator system on ship platforms around the world, including cruise ships, oil tankers, ferries, oil exploration vessels, commercial fishing vessels and government and military vessels, among others. Moreover, the company's PetroClean Biotreatment Systems have been utilized for the treatment of groundwater, to process wastes and off-load oily bilgewater.
- **Kepley Biosystems Incorporated (KBI)** – KBI is an S-Corp formed in 2013 to research, develop, manufacture and distribute a patent-pending, synthetic crustacean bait – a substitute for dead fish – that releases several crustacean-attracting chemicals into the water. The Greensboro company aims to enter and capture the \$20 billion crustacean bait market by providing an effective, cost-saving and sustainable substitute for forage fish that helps alleviate the ecological danger caused by overfishing forage fish. Organobait™ will give

fisherman a new sustainable option in lieu of the tedious, time consuming and costly use of previously living fish and mammals for catching crustaceans.

- **Ocis Biotechnology** – Ocis uses material derived from biological or synthetic sources to influence biological processes such as wound healing, specifically for military service members who have suffered burns. The mission is to bring tissue therapies that are identical in formation and function as the body's native tissue architecture, with no scarring, made on demand rather than waiting for long processing times and no rejection or a limited supply of donor tissues. The Wilmington-based company serves a diverse set of partners in highly matrixed areas of medicine.
- **Sandbar Oyster Company, LLC** – Sandbar Oyster Company licenses patent rights from UNC-Chapel Hill covering new substrates for settling and growing oysters and other multiple substrate uses. The company aims to improve production of oysters for consumer markets and the restoration of oyster habitats. Sandbar Oyster Company is presently engaged in a large-scale field test funded by the university's Office of Technology Development that is testing the efficacy of the ephemeral substrates.
- **Shure Foods, Inc.** – Shure Foods Inc. is a Greenville, North Carolina-based company founded to develop and commercialize new food technologies. Shure Foods holds patents related to systems of producing Succulent Crabmeat, and over the past 12 months, Shure Foods has successfully launched the first Succulent Crab-based products onto the market. Succulent Crab is a cold-structured form of raw crabmeat that allows for lower production costs and new end applications for crabmeat. Shure Foods is raising funds to support expansion.

In addition to these local companies, the following will also present at BioMarine:

BioMimetx, Portugal
Deinove, France
Eviagenics, France
Gen3Bio, USA
Innofibre, Quebec, Canada
Lagosta, Switzerland
Pacífico Aquaculture, Mexico
Prairie AquaTech, USA
Quantum Biotechnologies, Mozambique
R.C. INN Pharma, USA
Stellar Biotechnologies, USA
TransAlgae, Israel

For more information, please see the conference program here:

<http://www.biomarine.org/wilmington2015/program/>. To register for the convention, please visit <http://www.biomarine.org/wilmington2015/registration/>.

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“The presence of these North Carolina companies at this year’s event underscores why we chose Wilmington in the first place,” said Pierre Erwes, Chairman of BioMarine. “The region’s status as a marine biotechnology hub makes it the ideal location for industry leaders from around the world to convene and chart new ideas and partnerships. Along with our official partners, the North Carolina Biotechnology Center and the Marine Bio-Technologies Center of Innovation (MBCOI), I’m looking forward to welcoming all of our investment track companies to the 2015 BioMarine Business Convention.”

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ABOUT BIOMARINE:

BioMarine is the only international investment platform dedicated to marine bio resources. The annual convention brings together 300 international firms, investors, entrepreneurs and executives committed to innovation and collaboration in this growing global sector. In addition to acting as a platform for meetings and exchanges between industry professionals, BioMarine is above all the strategic center of action and initiatives for key stakeholders in the marine bio resources industry. Finance, research and industry stakeholders have learned to use the platform to diversify their knowledge, strengthen their existing partnerships and build new opportunities. To learn more, visit <http://www.biomarine.org/>.

ABOUT THE MARINE BIO-TECHNOLOGIES CENTER OF INNOVATION (MBCOI)

The Marine Bio-Technologies Center of Innovation’s (MBCOI) core mission is the translation of innovative marine-related discoveries into products and services to benefit North Carolina’s economy. As a powerhouse in both marine science and biotechnology research, North Carolina is poised to become a global hub for marine biotechnology in the 21st century. By combining a regional focus with a global perspective, we serve as the nexus for information, collaboration, and commercialization of marine biotechnologies among our stakeholders, both domestically and internationally. MBCOI’s **nexus** model will harvest economic value from NC marine biotech researchers’ creative and entrepreneurial spirit and commercialize prioritized technology platforms. To learn more, please visit <http://www.mbcOI.net>.

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The North Carolina Biotechnology Center provides long-term economic and societal benefits to North Carolina through support of biotechnology research, business, education, and strategic policy statewide. Headquartered in Research Triangle Park, the Center has five regional offices, including the Southeastern Office in Wilmington, which focuses on marine biotech, industrial biotech, renewable bioproducts/energy, clinical research, and agricultural biotech. For more information, please visit www.ncbiotech.org.

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