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BayBio Expands Board of Directors to Deliver Broad Agenda

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. - (Business Wire) [BayBio](#) today announced the election of its new chairman and four new executives to its board of directors for 2009. This select group joins BayBio in its on-going effort to serve the life sciences industry in Northern California.

“Northern California’s life sciences industry is the largest, oldest and most productive life sciences cluster in the world and continues to be a significant source of economic strength and vitality for the State of California,” said William Young, incoming Chair of the BayBio Board and the Chairman and CEO of [Monogram BioSciences](#). “California’s life sciences companies will make unprecedented investments over the coming years. Through constant innovation in therapeutics and diagnostics, our members provide new hope throughout the world for patients in search of improved healthcare. Each of the leaders joining our board are prime movers in the advancement of healthcare.”

The new board members for 2009 include Pierre Cassigneul, President and CEO, [XDX](#); Steve Engle, Chairman and CEO, [XOMA](#), Inc; John Melo, CEO, [Amyris](#); and Howard Robin, President and CEO, [Nektar Therapeutics](#).

“This is a group of leaders dedicated to advancing new treatments for unmet medical needs and developing new technologies to solve many of the nation’s most pressing economic challenges,” added Matt Gardner, President and CEO of BayBio. “Their commitment to serve is recognition and reminder that success in life sciences depends upon relationships with the public sector. BayBio serves a central part to us all in strengthening those ties.”

The BayBio board of directors plays a key role in defining the life sciences industry to public sector partners, advancing an agenda that serves the life sciences industry, and promoting a business climate to support the industry's growth.

With the addition of these four new members, the BayBio board of directors has 39 members, of which 26 are executives in life sciences companies, and thirteen of which

are employed in key stakeholder organizations, ranging from accounting and law to venture capital and real estate.

About BayBio

BayBio is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(6) trade association serving the life science industry in Northern California. The staff and services of BayBio are paid primarily through memberships, sponsorships, and event registration fees. BayBio provides these services through representatives in South San Francisco, Emeryville, Sacramento and through coalition partners in Washington, DC.