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Virtual Expert Clinics' Autism Education Software Gets High Marks in Beta Test

(Fredericton, New Brunswick, May 5, 2006) "We couldn't be happier with the results of this beta test," said Cynthia Howroyd, President and CEO of Virtual Expert Clinics (VEC), the developer of AutismPro, a subscription-based online program designed to help parents and therapists build and manage therapy programs for children with autism.

The beta test, which began in February and ended in April of this year, involved 28 testers drawn from some of the world's leading experts on autism, and 15 graduate students from across North America under the direction of Dr. Brenda Smith Myles.

"AutismPro is the first program of its kind in the world," said Ms Howroyd. "It uses expert systems programming to assess a child online and recommend a therapeutic curriculum that adapts to the child's specific needs over time. It can also be used to coordinate the activities of a group of people working with a child, including therapists and teachers."

Reviewers were asked to complete assessment forms that gauged the conceptual design and usability of the software. "We included autism experts from a variety of therapeutic approaches," said Ms Howroyd. "The program itself is very comprehensive, allowing users to choose a developmental, social or behavioral method."

The review team consisted of some of the world's leading experts on autism, including Dr. Kathleen Ann Quill of the Autism Institute in Essex, MA, Dr. Pamela Wolfberg of San Francisco State University, Dr. Cathy Pratt of Indiana University, Margaret Spoelstra of the Autism Society of Ontario, Dr. Jeannette Holden of Queen's University, Diane Twachtman-Cullen of the ADDCON Center in Connecticut, Paula Aquilla of Toronto, and Neil Walker of the Geneva Centre for Autism in Toronto.

"Feedback on the program was overwhelmingly positive," said Ms. Howroyd. "Dr. Pamela Wolfberg of San Francisco State University called it 'a powerful tool in helping guide parents and professionals.' Dr. Cathy Pratt, Chair of the Autism Society of America said that it 'puts together a tremendous amount of information that will assist families and practitioners in being able to design effective programs.'"

The next round of testing for AutismPro begins in late Spring with 50 parents of children with autism. "Having incorporated the comments and recommendations from the autism

experts in the first round of testing, we expect we can deliver an even better program to the parents,” said Ms. Howroyd.

About Virtual Expert Clinics

Since November of 2004, Virtual Expert Clinics has been developing a revolutionary approach to providing services to children with special needs. Through a first-of-kind blend of clinical expertise, expert systems programming, and Internet-based delivery, VEC has taken a global leadership role in its first product offering: AutismPro. AutismPro is an online subscription-based program for providing immediate just-in-time therapeutic guidance to parents of children with autism. The expert intelligence underlying the program allows them to build and manage therapeutic teams and provide customized therapy plans for individual children. The program monitors each child’s progress and adapts the plans as needed

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