



## Press Release

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### **Dr. Simon Moroney Awarded Bavarian State Medal for Outstanding Services to the Bavarian Economy**

MorphoSys AG (FSE: MOR; Prime Standard Segment, TecDAX) announced today that its co-founder and CEO Dr. Simon Moroney was awarded the Bavarian State Medal for Outstanding Services to the Bavarian Economy. The award ceremony took place at the Bavarian State Ministry of Economy, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology in Munich, Germany, on November 23, 2009.

“I am pleased to award Dr. Moroney the Bavarian State Medal for Outstanding Services for his contribution to the Bavarian biotechnology sector and the Bavarian economy in general”, commented Martin Zeil, Bavarian State Ministry of Economy, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology. “MorphoSys is a success story in the German biotech landscape and acts as a key factor for Munich’s endeavors to become a leading biotechnology region. Thanks to the sustainable business model Dr. Moroney is pursuing with MorphoSys, the company was able to provide new jobs even in these challenging markets.”

Since being founded in 1992, MorphoSys has been one of the most closely followed German biotechnology companies. From its start as a core team of young researchers, it has grown into a globally operating organization with some 400 employees. Within the biotechnology sector, MorphoSys is viewed as a technology leader and the partner of choice for antibody development.

#### About MorphoSys:

MorphoSys is an independent biotechnology company that develops novel antibodies for therapeutic, diagnostic and research applications. The Company’s HuCAL technology is one of the most powerful methods available for generating fully human antibodies. By successfully applying this and other proprietary technologies, MorphoSys has become a leader in the field of therapeutic antibodies, one of the fastest-growing drug classes in human health-care. Through its alliances with some of the world’s leading pharmaceutical companies, MorphoSys has created a pipeline of more than 60 drug candidates. The Company is expanding its drug pipeline by adding new partnered programs, and by building a portfolio of fully-owned therapeutic antibodies. For its proprietary portfolio, the Company is focused on the areas of oncology and inflammation, within which it plans to have eight active programs by the end of 2009. Its most advanced program is MOR103, a first-in-class, fully human antibody against GM-CSF. MorphoSys expects to commence a Phase Ib/Ia trial of this antibody in rheumatoid arthritis patients in the second half of 2009. Via its business unit AbD Serotec, MorphoSys is expanding the reach of its technologies in the diagnostics and research markets. MorphoSys is headquartered in Munich, Germany and listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol "MOR". For further information, visit <http://www.morphosys.com/>

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