



## **Simon's Foundation Renews Multi-Year Deal for DNA Genotek's Oragene® Collection Device and GenoFIND™ Fulfillment Services**

**OTTAWA, ON** – June 1, 2018, 2018 – DNA Genotek Inc., a leading provider of sample collection kits and end-to-end services, today announced that it has renewed a multi-year product supply and fulfillment agreement with the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) for its SPARK (Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge) project. The renewal includes the fully integrated supply of Oragene®·Dx saliva collection kits as well as GenoFIND™ services for custom collection kit packaging and order fulfillment services for the project.

SPARK is a landmark research effort that aims to recruit, engage and retain a cohort of 50,000 individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) plus their family members. The ultimate goal of the initiative is to better understand the science of ASD, as well as to develop treatments and supports to improve the lives of those impacted. SPARK participant DNA is sequenced and genotyped to identify new genes associated with autism risk. Since launching in 2016, SPARK has received close to 61,000 DNA samples through the mail using Oragene·Dx saliva collection kits.

SPARK facilitates online availability of the phenotypic and genomic data to qualified researchers to further enable worldwide autism research.

“We are extremely pleased to continue our relationship with Simons Foundation, a testament to the success of the SPARK project and our ability to help them achieve their recruitment goals”, said Brian Smith, Executive Vice President and Molecular Business Unit Leader at DNA Genotek Inc. “SPARK’s commitment to expanding access to data for autism research is an important initiative in which we are proud to continue to play a role. This renewal is a tangible sign of the growing value of our integrated sample collection to fulfillment services.”

### **About DNA Genotek**

DNA Genotek Inc., a subsidiary of OraSure Technologies, Inc., focuses on providing high-quality biological sample collection products and end-to-end services for human genomics, microbiome and infectious disease applications. The Company's Oragene®·Dx and ORAcollect®·Dx product lines are the first and only FDA 510(k) cleared saliva-based DNA collection devices for in vitro diagnostic use. DNA Genotek also offers Research Use Only products to collect and preserve large amounts of DNA or RNA from multiple sample types. DNA Genotek markets its products worldwide and has a global customer base with thousands of customers in over 100 countries. For more information about DNA Genotek, visit [www.dnagenotek.com](http://www.dnagenotek.com).

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