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Winners announced at techMARK Awards Dinner 2011

The winners of the 2011 techMARK Awards were announced last night at an awards ceremony which was held at the Hotel Intercontinental, London W1 on Thursday 17 November.

At the event Jass Sarai, UK Technology Industry Leader at PwC, the lead sponsors of the event, commented on the impact of the unprecedented period of technological evolution taking place through three mega trends: cloud, mobile and social computing.

He commented: “It is clear to me that those companies which continue to stand out as leaders in our community are exploiting these game changing opportunities. For those of you who are continuing to question whether these mega trends should be part of your strategy, hop across the pond and look at the huge steps tech companies are making in the United States. Together with exploiting these trends, those companies with a clear vision, detailed execution strategy, innovation at the heart of what they do and the steely determination to focus will be winners and see out the current economic challenges.”

Since the launch of the techMARK in 1999 by the London Stock Exchange, The techMARK Awards, sponsored by PwC, has brought together the largest annual gathering of quoted technology companies in the UK. It celebrates the best in the sector and highlights the achievements of individuals and companies, and recognises the importance of access to the capital markets to fund growth and innovation. For the first time last year, an Emerging Star of the Year Award was established for private technology companies who had previously been unrecognised.

The Awards attract CEO’s and FD’s of the fastest growing technology companies plus investment bankers, fund managers, analysts and corporate advisors.

The event holds an annual charity collection and to date almost £100,000 has been raised for a number of child and youth focused charities. This year the dinner is supporting The Princes Trust and

the Brentwood Children’s Catholic Society which provides counselling for children and young adults across the whole of Essex up to the age of eighteen, regardless of their beliefs.

Commenting on the winners, Jass Sarai, UK Technology Industry Leader at PwC, the lead sponsors of the event, added: “I was hugely impressed by the quality of this year’s nominees and we had a very difficult task drawing up a shortlist. The winners should be very proud of their achievements in these difficult times and I hope they remain focused on their commitment and leadership of the UK Technology market and inspire others to realise the UK market is a great place to be for all up and coming technology companies.”

The winners last night were:

Technology Fund Manager of the Year <i>sponsored by Canaccord Genuity Ltd</i>	The Biotech Growth Trust plc
techMARK Analyst of the Year Award <i>sponsored by Bloomberg</i>	Roger Phillips, Evolution Securities
Technology Innovation Award <i>sponsored by Barclays Corporate</i>	Microgen plc
Technology Journalist of the year Award <i>sponsored by Luther Pendragon</i>	Maija Palmer, Financial Times
Emerging Star Award <i>sponsored by Arma Partners</i>	DataExplorers Ltd
techMARK Achievement of the Year <i>sponsored by Jefferies International Ltd</i>	Autonomy Corporate plc
techMARK Personality of the Year Award <i>sponsored by finnCap</i>	Rob Cotton, NCC Group plc
techMARK Company of the Year Award	Shire plc

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