

**R. Douglas Armstrong, Ph.D., and Riccardo Pigliucci  
join VisualSonics' Board of Directors**

Toronto, Ontario – December 14, 2006 – VisualSonics is pleased to announce that R. Douglas Armstrong, Ph.D. and Riccardo Pigliucci have joined the VisualSonics' Board of Directors.

Dr. Armstrong is a seasoned executive with specialties in developmental life science businesses and products. He is Managing Director at Dawson James Securities. Prior to that he was CEO of Aastrom Biosciences Inc., a leading public cell therapy company from 1999 – 2006 and was Chairman of the Board of Directors. From 1987 to June 1991, he held various executive positions at The Burnham Institute including Executive Vice President, Member Board of Trustees, and Staff Scientist. Dr. Armstrong's other Board experience includes Chairman of Supervisory Board of Zellera AG (1999 – 2005), Member of Board of Directors of Cytomedix Inc. (2000 – 2001), Member of Board of Directors of Nephros Therapeutics, Inc. (1994 – 2000), Member of the Advisory Board of Wolverine Venture Fund (1997 – 2001), Chairman and Founder of Michigan Center for Cell Therapy (2001 – 2005), and Member of Board of Trustees of the La Jolla Cancer Research Foundation (1989-1991).

Mr. Pigliucci is an international executive with global experience in leading private and publicly listed high technology companies. He was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Discovery Partners International, a supplier of equipment and services to the drug discovery market. Prior to joining Discovery Partners, Mr. Pigliucci served as Chief Executive Officer of Life Sciences International PLC, a supplier of scientific equipment from 1996 to 1997. Prior to that, Mr. Pigliucci held numerous management positions at Perkin-Elmer Corporation (now known as Applera Corporation), including President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Pigliucci is also a director of Biosphere Medical and a member of the Board of Directors of the Dionex Corporation. Mr. Pigliucci's past Board experience includes Director of Epoch Bioscience (2000 – 2004) and MTI Corp (1995 – 1998), and Trustee of The Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research (1993-2004).

"We are thrilled to have such talented executives as Doug and Riccardo join our already strong Board," says VisualSonics President and CEO Tom Little. "As our company continues to grow, the guidance and experience of the Board members will make a tremendous contribution to shareholder value".

## About VisualSonics

VisualSonics is the world's leading developer of high-resolution, ultrasound-based, *in vivo* micro-imaging systems designed specifically for non-invasive preclinical research. The company's enabling micro-ultrasound technology, the Vevo 770, allows researchers at the world's most prestigious pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, hospitals and research centers to conduct genetic research, phenotypic study and drug development.

Micro-ultrasound is the fastest growing preclinical imaging modality. This enabling technology is facilitating research in cardiac and vascular disease, cancer, stem cell research and developmental biology. When compared to other imaging options, only micro-ultrasound has the combination of high-resolution, real-time imaging, *in vivo* detection and analysis, reasonable cost, ease-of-use, portability and no negative biological effects. More information on VisualSonics can be found at [www.visualsonics.com](http://www.visualsonics.com).

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