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Industry Briefs**Technology**

■ Pennsylvania-based eClinical company **DSG** has launched a new version of its eCaseLink electronic data capture (EDC) software platform with multi-language capabilities, adding Japanese, Chinese and Western European languages. The enhancement allows users to collaborate using one central database despite differences in region or language. It also makes it possible to use single forms instead of separate copies in multiple languages. The first language DSG will roll out will be Japanese and called eCaseLink J. Special features such as double byte characters and changes to user interfaces will allow data entry in Japanese, Chinese and Korean language forms. "Global trials—which are fast becoming the industry norm—allow sponsors to greatly expand their population pool, recruit subjects more rapidly and recruit more diverse populations," stated Tony Varano, chief executive officer at DSG.

Central Laboratory

■ North Carolina-based CRO **Quintiles** has opened a new lab facility in Mumbai, India to support clinical trials in the region. The lab has begun the process of gaining accreditation by the College of American Pathologists. Quintiles already owns a network of labs in India and Asia as well as South Africa, Europe and the U.S. Quintiles has been operating for 10 years in India.

Regulatory

■ The **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** (FDA) launched a new online web site to update the public on the status of post-approval medical device studies, which were promised to be undertaken by sponsors upon approval of their product. Post-approval study commitments for drugs and devices have come under fire recently because of the lack of oversight the agency has placed on ensuring their completion. The new web site only contains device studies ordered by the FDA since 2005 and there are currently around 40 listings on the site. The site will not provide clinical data, but will display whether the sponsor is meeting its reporting deadlines. The page can be found among the agency's other databases at www.accessdata.fda.gov.

CRO

■ Pennsylvania-based CRO **Encorium Group** has signed \$4.7 million in new contracts during the first quarter of 2007 through the company's European division. The deals are from more than 20 clients. Encorium maintained its stated first quarter net revenue guidance of \$7.9 million to \$8.3 million. The company expects net revenues for the year will be in the upper range of \$30 to \$34 million.

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