

Scientists from Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE:XOM) and Synthetic Genomics, Inc. will hold a press briefing today at the 2017 BIO International Convention in San Diego to discuss a breakthrough in the companies' research into the development of algae biofuels involving the modification of an algae strain that more than doubled its oil production without significantly inhibiting the strain's growth. Results of the research were published today in the peer-reviewed journal Nature Biotechnology. A press release is available at www.exxonmobil.com and www.syntheticgenomics.com.

Vijay Swarup, vice president for research and development at ExxonMobil Research & Engineering Company, J. Craig Venter, Ph.D., co-founder and chairman of Synthetic Genomics, and Oliver Fetzter, Ph.D., chief executive officer at Synthetic Genomics, will discuss the research breakthrough and answer questions from media.

The press briefing is scheduled for 10 a.m. PDT at the San Diego Convention Center, located at 111 W. Harbor Drive, in Room 32B on the upper level. The live briefing and replay may also be accessed online via an interactive webcast.

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