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### **AMORFIX TO SET UP vCJD ASSAY IN UK TO CONTINUE VALIDATION PROCESS**

**TORONTO, ON, August 19, 2008** – Amorfix Life Sciences, a company focused on treatments and diagnostics for brain wasting diseases, announced today that it will set up the EP-vCJD™ assay system in the Prion Laboratory at the British National Institute for Biological Standards and Controls (NIBSC) outside London and begin to test fresh human blood samples as part of the ongoing assay validation process announced earlier this year. Based on the performance of its EP-vCJD™ assay, Amorfix received and accepted an invitation from the British government to further qualify the specificity of the assay using British blood donor samples to be supplied by the National Blood Service.

“We welcome the continued assistance of the UK government to validate our test for vCJD,” said Dr. George Adams, Chief Executive Officer of Amorfix. “The establishment of the test system in the UK will facilitate the testing of fresh blood donor samples as we continue to verify that the assay is suitable for prevalence studies and routine testing of donor blood.”

Recent evidence has suggested that people may be infected for decades before showing signs of vCJD. The number of people who contracted the disease by consuming BSE-positive products is unknown. To date, four people have been reported to have been infected through blood transfusion from donors who later developed symptoms and died from vCJD. Blood transfusion services in low-risk countries refuse to take blood from people who have lived in or visited high-risk countries, where BSE-positive cattle were prevalent, to slow the potential spread of the disease. A screening test for vCJD would allow more people to be blood donors and assure the safety of the blood transfusion services worldwide.

#### **About Amorfix**

Amorfix Life Sciences Ltd. (TSX:AMF) is a theranostics company developing therapeutic products and diagnostic devices targeting brain-wasting diseases including ALS, Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD). Amorfix's proprietary Epitope Protection™ (EP) technology enables it to specifically identify very low levels of aggregated misfolded proteins (AMP) in a sample of normal protein. Aggregated misfolded proteins are a common element of many brain wasting diseases and the ability to identify AMPs and understand their structure and mechanism of folding are the first steps to developing new treatments for these devastating diseases. Amorfix's lead programs are a diagnostic blood screening test for vCJD and a therapy for ALS.

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