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NEWS RELEASE

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## Protea Presents New Technology at Pittcon Conference & Expo

New chip technology provides rapid and sensitive quantitation of small molecules

**New Orleans, LA; 8:00 AM ET, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2015** – Protea Biosciences Group, Inc. (OTCQB: PRGB) ("Protea") announced today that it is presenting a new chip-based technology at the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy (Pittcon), held in New Orleans, LA. This nanopost array technology, called REDIchip<sup>™</sup> (Resonance-Enhanced Desorption Ionization), was invented in the laboratory of Akos Vertes, PhD., Department of Chemistry, The George Washington University. The chip is designed to be used for mass spectrometric analysis on MALDI platforms without the need for matrix.

"REDIchips provide a solution to pharmaceutical researchers interested in detecting small molecules without the common interference of chemical matrix. The ability to reproducibly detect and quantitate small molecules is made possible due to the structured nanopost array (NAPA) present in the silicon chip," stated Haddon Goodman, Imaging Program Manager He continued, "The REDIchip enables more sensitive quantitation for small molecules than traditional workflows using a robust and reproducible matrix-free environment."

Protea's REDIchip technology figures of merit are being presented today at the Pittcon conference, and the commercial product is expected to be available at the upcoming American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS) conference Spring 2015. The commercial product will be compatible with a variety of MALDI systems, and it will allow rapid and reproducible sample analysis of small molecules by laser desorption ionization.

### About Protea Biosciences Group, Inc.

Protea Biosciences Group, Inc. (OTCQB:PRGB) is a molecular information company providing innovative bioanalytical solutions to the pharmaceutical and life science industries. "Molecular information" refers to the generation and bioinformatic processing of very large data sets, obtained by applying the Company's technology to identify and characterize the proteins, metabolites, lipids and other biomolecules which are the byproducts of all living cells and life forms.

The Company is applying its technology to the development of next generation, "direct molecular imaging" technology and service capabilities that enable more rapid and comprehensive molecular profiling of human disease.

### Forward-Looking Statements



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