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## **Metal Nanoparticles Have Therapeutic Uses**

### ***Nanoprobes files patent application prepared by Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser***

**Garden City, NY** -- Nanoprobes Inc, a researcher and biomedical application developer, and Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser, a leading Intellectual Property Law firm, have announced that a patent application has been prepared and filed for the therapeutic use of metal nanoparticles. Typically, metal nanoparticles are used as contrast agents for the observation and diagnosis of diseased organs by MRI or other imaging equipment.

"We've received a number of SBIR grants for our research with metal nanoparticles," said James Hainfeld, president of Nanoprobes. "The National Cancer Institute is particularly interested in our work related to enhancing the imaging of tumors."

"The Nanoprobes patent filing is typical of the work that we do in our multi-disciplined Nanotechnology Practice Group," said Paul Esatto, Senior Partner at Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser. "Other related patents that we've prosecuted worldwide since 1990 involve technologies such as fullerenes, nanotubes, quantum dots, nanocrystals, atomic force probes, SEMs, and MEMS."

#### ***About Nanoprobes Inc***

Founded in 1990, Nanoprobes researches and develops the biomedical and high-technology applications of metal nanoparticles. The company is a leader in immunogold technology. Its products include the 1.4 nm Nanogold® cluster immunoprobes and labeling reagents and the combined fluorescent and gold immunoprobe FluoroNanogold -- which is used for correlative fluorescence and electron microscopy -- and ultrasensitive *in situ* hybridization detection reagents.

#### ***About Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser***

Founded in 1973, Garden City-based Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser is one of Long Island's largest and most preeminent law firms exclusively dedicated to Intellectual Property. Comprised of highly skilled attorneys with highly technical backgrounds, SSMP confidently sits at the crossroads of cutting edge science, technology and law where it offers detailed, bankable opinions and secures, protects and enforces intellectual property for its clients. For more information, visit Web site <http://www.ssmp.com>.

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