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**COMMUNITY PARK DEVELOPMENT TO RECEIVE MAJOR
BOOST FROM PRIVATE BUSINESS DONOR**

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Oro Valley's 213-acre "Naranja Town Site" will receive a major boost from the international biomedical company Ventana Medical Systems at a ceremony scheduled for Friday, June 9 at 8 a.m.. The ceremony will take place at the Naranja Town Site, located just north of Naranja Drive, half-way between First Avenue and La Cañada Drive.

Ventana is an Oro Valley based company that develops, manufactures, and markets instrument/reagent systems that automate slide preparation and staining in clinical histology and drug discovery laboratories worldwide. Ventana's clinical systems are important tools used in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and infectious diseases. Ventana's drug discovery systems are used to accelerate the discovery of new drug targets and evaluate the safety of new drug compounds.

Ventana was recently named one of the 100 best small, publicly traded companies on BusinessWeek magazine's "Hot Growth" list.

The "Naranja Town Site" is currently vacant but has been master planned for a community park with a wide range of activities and facilities. The Town acquired the largest portion of the land in 2000 when it was auctioned off by the state of Arizona. Before that, the area had been used as a sand and gravel pit.

Ventana President and CEO Chris Gleeson is scheduled to present the Town with a check for \$5,000 in order to initiate the park improvements that have long been

planned. In making its presentation, Ventana is expected to challenge other businesses to step forward similarly. Ventana will match other businesses' donations up to a maximum total of \$10,000.

The Master Plan for the Naranja Town Site calls for a community center, swimming pools, a performing arts center and amphitheater, baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, playgrounds, a dog park, hiking trails, and ramadas. Oro Valley, with a population of over 40,000, has only two medium-sized parks with recreational amenities and another park with primitive trails for hiking.

Ventana's donation will help to fund the creation of hiking and walking trails with benches as well as kiosk signs that will provide information about the park's future facilities.

The Town is currently participating in a programming study that will more carefully define the costs to develop the park in its entirety. That study is scheduled to be completed in January, 2007.

Ventana Medical Systems and Town officials will attend the event along with other local business leaders and representatives from the user groups such as baseball and soccer teams who are eagerly awaiting the development of the park.

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