

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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eXegenics Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Foundation Growth Investments LLC

EI Acquisition Inc.

(Name of Person(s) Filing Consent Statement, if other than the Registrant)

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FOUNDATION GROWTH COMMITTED TO ACQUIRING EXEGENICS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, July 16, 2003 - Foundation Growth Investments LLC and EI
Acquisition Inc. announced today that they remain committed to acquiring all of
the outstanding stock of eXegenics Inc. (Nasdaq: EXEG) despite eXegenics'
proposed merger announced earlier today.

Timothy Leonard, President of EI Acquisition Inc., made the following statement today: "We are emphatic about buying eXegenics. We are offering the eXegenics stockholders the certainty of CASH. In the merger announced today by eXegenics, the board continues to jeopardize stockholder value by suggesting to its stockholders that they exchange their eXegenics' stock at a fixed ratio for the volatile stock of AVI BioPharma. There appears to be no value created for eXegenics' stockholders in this transaction. We intend to evaluate the details of AVI BioPharma's offer and respond to eXegenics' stockholders shortly."

NOTICE FOR EXEGENICS STOCKHOLDERS

The complete terms and conditions of Foundation Growth Investments' offer are set forth in an offer to purchase, letter of transmittal, and other related materials which were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 29, 2003, as amended, and distributed to eXegenics stockholders. eXegenics stockholders are urged to read the tender offer documents because they contain important information. Investors are able to receive such documents free of charge at the SEC's web site, www.sec.gov, or by contacting Morrow & Co., Inc., the Information Agent for the transaction, at (800) 607-0088, or William Blair & Company, the Dealer Manager and financial adviser for the transaction, at (800) 621-0687 ext. 5333.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NEITHER AN OFFER TO PURCHASE NOR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL SHARES OF EXEGENICS INC.

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This announcement should not be construed to constitute a solicitation of any consent. Foundation Growth Investments has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a preliminary consent statement relating to the solicitation

of consents with respect to the removal of removal of all directors from the eXegenics board and the appointment of a new slate of directors. Foundation Growth Investments will furnish to eXegenics' stockholders, a definitive consent statement and may file other consent solicitation materials. Investors and security holders are urged to read the consent statement and any other consent solicitation materials (when they become available) because they will contain important information

Investors and security holders are able to obtain a free copy of the preliminary consent statement and the definitive consent statement (when it is available) and other documents filed by Foundation Growth Investments with the Commission at the Commission's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, you will also be able to obtain a free copy of the definitive consent statement (when it is available) by contacting Morrow & Co., Inc., the Information Agent for the transaction, at (800) 607-0088, or William Blair & Company, the Dealer Manager and financial adviser for the transaction, at (800) 621-0687 ext. 5333.

Detailed information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of individuals who may be deemed participants in the solicitation of consents of eXegenics stockholders are available in the preliminary consent statement filed by Foundation Growth Investments with the SEC on Schedule 14A.