

## **Sanaria Inc. Selected as Recipient of The Gazette of Politics and Business Exceptional 53 Business Award**

**Gaithersburg, Md., September 24, 2009** – *The Gazette of Politics and Business* released its list of the 53 top businesses and organizations in the State of Maryland. Sanaria was honored to be ranked number 22 in Maryland based on criteria that included annual revenue and employee growth, noteworthy product innovations, community service, strategies to weather the economic downturn, and the company's efforts to promote itself as a great place to work. For perspective, Sanaria (with 46 employees) was bracketed by number 21 Comcast (4,000 employees) and Hughes Network Systems (1,674 employees) at number 24. MedImmune (3,423 employees) claimed the number 1 spot, while Johns Hopkins Health System (14,978 employees) came in at number 4, and Discovery Communications (4,000 employees) was number 5. Said Sanaria Vice President of Operations Robert Thompson, "It's an honor for Sanaria to be recognized in the same league as these companies. Sanaria's growth and its success in creating a unique candidate malaria vaccine have benefited greatly from Maryland's supportive environment for high tech business ventures." With the exception of MedImmune, no other biopharma company was ranked higher than Sanaria. This recognition comes on the heels of Sanaria's receipt of the 2009 Vaccine Industry Excellence award for Best Early-Stage Vaccine Biotech and being named Maryland's Emerging Company of the Year in 2008 by the Technology Council of Maryland. "The current honor now places Sanaria squarely in the front ranks of Maryland organizations of all types, not only among those in the technology or vaccine sector," notes Mr. Thompson.

The annual awards ceremony, held Wednesday evening, September 23, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bethesda, attracted a large crowd of attendees eager to celebrate the accomplishments of the top 53 companies. "I applaud these exceptional Maryland businesses that are consistently on the leading edge of innovation... To make the 53 list is a great accomplishment," said Cliff Chiet, publisher of *The Gazette P&B*. Sanaria is profiled in a special section as part of the September 25, 2009 edition of *The Gazette of Politics and Business* that can be viewed at [http://www.gazette.net/images/Specialsections/PB53\\_2009.pdf](http://www.gazette.net/images/Specialsections/PB53_2009.pdf).

### **About Sanaria Inc.**

Sanaria Inc. was founded in 2003. The company's primary mission is to develop and commercialize attenuated whole-parasite malaria vaccines that confer high-level, long-lasting protection against *Plasmodium falciparum*, the parasite responsible for most of the malaria associated severe illness and death worldwide. Sanaria's corporate headquarters, administrative, research, development, and manufacturing operations are located in Rockville, Maryland. The company's Web site is <http://www.sanaria.com> <<http://www.sanaria.com>> .

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