

Insights from Jay Short, President and CEO of Diversa Corporation

Dr. Jay Short remembers Valentine's Day of this year fondly: It was the day Diversa Corporation went public—the largest initial public offering on record at that time for a biotech company.

Diversa has used its technology to harvest DNA from environmental sources. "We take the best of what nature has provided and, when necessary, apply our gene evolution technologies to improve identified genes further to develop products for agricultural, chemical processing, industrial and pharmaceutical markets," explains Dr. Short.

Established in 1994, Diversa has also met other challenges resulting from the company's rapid growth. With the help of Irving Hughes, San Diego's leading tenant-representation commercial real estate firm, Diversa recently leased a unique build-to-suit facility totaling an initial 75,000 square feet, which encompasses the company's corporate headquarters, its research and development laboratories and pilot plants.

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"We are very pleased to obtain this particular location," says Dr. Short. "In addition to providing a staged space option for our growing needs, the site has excellent corporate visibility. Irving Hughes did a terrific job helping us accomplish all of our project goals."

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