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Press Release

J. Brent Hunt, founder and CEO of Soft Cell Biological Research, LLC (SCBR), a St. George, Utah biotech company, died in the mountains near his St. George home. The cause of death is yet to be determined.

Dr. Gregory A. Prince, President of SCBR, will assume the day-to-day management of the company under the supervision of its Board of Managers.

SCBR and its two subsidiary companies, Soft Cell Diagnostics and Soft Cell Therapeutics, focus on the "dark microbiome," bacteria that shed their cell walls and essentially hide from the immune system. Known to exist since 1935, these bacteria eluded attempts over eight decades to culture them and understand their role in human disease. Mr. Hunt has been a pioneer in the field, discovering and developing methods for studying these microorganisms. In March of this year, Mr. Hunt was issued a U.S. Patent for his groundbreaking diagnostic discoveries.

Although initially focused on bacteria, SCBR recently pivoted in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Its new diagnostic laboratory, under construction for nearly a year, is now a CLIA-certified, regional Covid-19 testing center. SCBR's activities will continue to focus on Covid-19 during the pandemic.

