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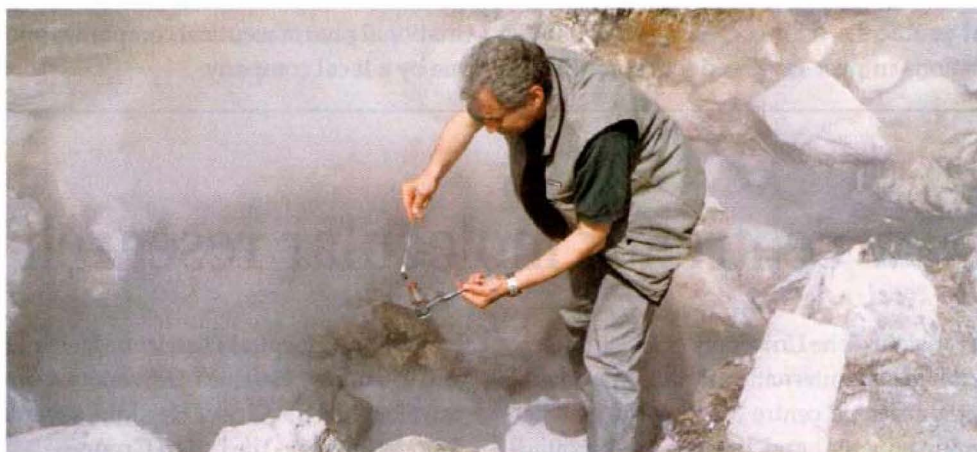
GERMANY

Public-private partnership supports industrial biotechnology

► **Berlin** – The German government in close cooperation with prominent chemical companies supports the development of industrial – so called “white” – biotechnology in Germany with a sum of more than €250 million. The money will be given to the winners of two competitions, the German Ministry of Educa-

tion and Research has initiated. According to an official news release, more than 380 companies and 140 research institutions from all over Germany participated in the course of the first contest called “GenoMik Plus”, in which the ministry gave the first €21 million to a number of

winner projects. A further sum of €21 million comes from a group of companies that supported the ministry’s efforts to strengthen tech transfer in German white biotech. The group includes BASF, Bayer CropScience, Degussa, Henkel, Milupa, Schering, Südzucker, Wacker and Brain. Constitutive to GenoMik Plus is the sec-



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