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3M Drug Delivery Systems Expands with New Singapore Lab

- First 3M R&D lab offering Inhalation and Transdermal drug delivery systems in Asia -

Singapore, October 7, 2009 - 3M Drug Delivery Systems held an opening event today for its new laboratory site at the 3M Singapore facility in Yishun, attended by guest-of-honor Lim Hng Kiang, Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry; as well as George Buckley, 3M Chairman, President and CEO. The laboratory will develop products in both the Inhalation and Transdermal categories, complementing 3M Drug Delivery Systems' well established global laboratory network, which has sites in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA and Loughborough, UK.

"Today's event marks yet another key milestone in the 3M-Singapore partnership. 3M's decision to locate its first Asian Drug Delivery R&D Lab in Singapore attests to our position as Asia's leading Bio-cluster for drug development and medical device innovation. Pharmaceutical and Biotech companies can now leverage 3M's R&D presence here to co-develop innovative drug delivery products for global markets," said Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore.

The lab is staffed by an international team of highly qualified scientists, including drug formulators, analytical chemists and process experts, all of whom are supported by the global 3M Drug Delivery Systems laboratory organization, with over 50 years experience in drug delivery. 3M is credited with the development of the world's first metered-dose inhaler and first CFC-free propellant pressurized metered-dose inhaler, and has recently introduced new technologies in microstructured transdermal systems (MTS) and dry powder inhalers (DPI).

Currently, products developed by the Singapore laboratory will be suitable for manufacture in 3M's worldwide network of manufacturing sites, or the customers' own facilities, and will be developed in line with global standards. The 20,000sq ft facility is configured in a scalable design to enable it to expand when customer demand grows

"This new site will help us provide Asia-Pacific customers with a product development service that has both local and global capabilities," said Jim Vaughan, Vice President and General Manager, 3M Drug Delivery Systems Division. "Singapore's excellent infrastructure and highly qualified workforce make it an ideal fit for 3M's needs."

"The new 3M Drug Delivery Systems Lab in Singapore also has the capacity and know-how to take unique formulations developed in the Asian region along the development path: from feasibility, development, manufacturing quality assurance as well as global regulatory expertise. This site will also play a vital role in the development of 3M's innovative technologies, which can benefit patients worldwide," added Vaughan.

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Donald Chang, Managing Director, Singapore and Southeast Asia Region elaborated: “Our new team in Singapore will deliver product development service that balances local regulatory understanding and regional responsiveness with the high quality support of a global laboratory network that is second to none.”

For more information, visit www.3M.com/dds.

About 3M Drug Delivery Systems

3M Drug Delivery Systems partners with pharmaceutical and biotech companies to develop pharmaceuticals using 3M’s inhalation or transdermal drug delivery technology. 3M offers a full range of feasibility, development and manufacturing capabilities combined with regulatory guidance to help bring products to market. In-house resources, including toxicology, regulatory expertise, quality assurance, operations, and marketed product support, are available for each step of the development and commercialization process. This depth of resources is one reason why more than 50 percent of all metered-dose inhalers worldwide and 80 percent of all transdermal systems in the United States utilize 3M drug delivery technology. For more information, please visit www.3M.com/dds or call 1-800-643-8086.

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