



VWR to Distribute GE Healthcare Life Science Products

VWR Expands Life Science Research Product Offerings to North American Customers

WEST CHESTER, PA - VWR International, a leading global distributor of scientific equipment, supplies, chemicals and furniture, today announced that it has entered into a definitive, non-exclusive, distribution agreement with GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences Corp, a unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE). Effective January 26, 2007, customers will be able to access GE Healthcare products through VWR.

This new supplier relationship with GE Healthcare further strengthens VWR's position in the Life Science industry. "This agreement significantly enhances VWR's network of supplier partnerships by extending GE Healthcare's industry-leading life science research products to our customers," said John Ballbach, VWR President and CEO. "We will leverage the strengths of both our companies to provide systems solutions for the best life science research products and support to our mutual customers. Together, we believe we offer customers an unparalleled combination of product quality and value."

Under the terms of the agreement, VWR will offer a range of GE products to its customers in North America, including radiochemicals, film, and certain electrophoresis, chromatography and nucleic acid purification products.

Joel McComb, President and General Manager of GE Healthcare Life Sciences, North America stated, "VWR adds a very important and complementary channel to our existing sales coverage in North America. The presence VWR has in the pharma and biotech industries will increase our coverage and efficiency with these key customer groups. In many cases, the convenience VWR adds through logistics and access to products via their storeroom programs can be the difference in a sale. We look forward to working with VWR to make this deal a great success."

About VWR International, Inc.

VWR International is a leader in the global research laboratory industry with worldwide sales in excess of \$3 billion US dollars. VWR's business is highly diversified across products and services, geographic regions and customer segments. The company offers products from a wide range of manufacturers, to a large number of customers primarily in North America, Europe and other locations. VWR's principal customers are major pharmaceutical, biotechnology, chemical, technology, clinical, food processing and consumer product companies, universities and research institutes, governmental agencies, environmental testing organizations, and primary and secondary schools. VWR distributes a diversified product mix, including chemicals, glassware and plasticware, equipment and instruments, furniture, protective apparel, production and safety products, and other life science and laboratory products and supplies. VWR supports its customers by providing storeroom management, product procurement, supply chain systems integration, technical services and laboratory bench top delivery. VWR maintains operations in over 20 countries and employs over 6,000 people worldwide. VWR International is headquartered in West Chester, Pennsylvania. VWR-G

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About GE Healthcare

GE Healthcare provides transformational medical technologies that are shaping a new age of patient care. Our expertise in medical imaging and information technologies, medical diagnostics, patient monitoring systems, performance improvement solutions, drug discovery, and biopharmaceutical manufacturing technologies is helping clinicians around the world re-imagine new ways to predict, diagnose, inform and treat disease, so their patients can live their lives to the fullest.

GE Healthcare's broad range of products and services enable healthcare providers to better diagnose and treat cancer, heart disease, neurological diseases, and other conditions earlier. Our vision for the future is to enable a new "early health" model of care focused on earlier diagnosis, pre-symptomatic disease detection and disease prevention.

Headquartered in the United Kingdom, GE Healthcare is a \$15 billion unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE). Worldwide, GE Healthcare employs more than 45,000 people committed to serving healthcare professionals and their patients in more than 100 countries. For more information about GE Healthcare, visit our website at www.gehealthcare.com.