Press Release

Bilcare GCS Expands Pre-Clinical and Early-Stage Development Capabilities

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa — November, 2008 — In its endeavor to accelerate the development process cycle resulting in enhanced "Speed to Market" for its clients, Bilcare Global Clinical Supplies, a leading single-source provider of Clinical Trial Supplies and services, endorses its continual capability enhancement commitment by supplementing its ability of developing functionally viable and innovative formulation dosage forms for pre-clinical and early-phase drugs.

Vincent Santa Maria, President – Bilcare GCS, Americas stated that as part of a major capital investment program at its facilities in the U.S., Bilcare GCS has added sophisticated fluid bed granulation and enhanced capsule filling technologies to its R&D Center. "With this upgrade, Bilcare GCS can now quickly produce a wider variety of drug dosage forms with high product quality at par industry benchmark. These investments in R&D services further prove our commitment to being a full-service partner to our global customers with the offering of a wide breath of specialty services, continues Vincent."

This capability enhancement compliments the increasing number of investigational new drug (IND) applications by innovator pharma and Biotech companies, which in turn requires multi-pronged expertise, more particularly in the Formulation and Analytical research and development, commented Praful Naik, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Bilcare Limited.

The fluid-bed granulation technology extends Bilcare's solid dosage formulation capabilities. The granulation system equipped with Wurster coating inserts enables Bilcare to develop and deliver specialized coating processes for granules and non-pareils with high precision and consistency for creation of top quality sustained and controlled-release tablet and capsule formulations.

The In-Cap® capsule system, capable of filling several thousand capsules per hour in multiple permutations, is a versatile tool for pre-clinical and early-stage development. This equipment extends both development and clinical manufacturing capabilities for a myriad of formulation types including powders, pellets, tablets and liquids.

"Bilcare's R&D center can now develop a broad array of dosage forms with innovative delivery mechanisms, which exceeds those developed by pharmaceutical companies," says Frank Santillo, Ph.D., Bilcare GCS' senior director for research services. "Most importantly, we have the expertise to take a drug candidate from concept to clinical production without the client suffering critical and costly delays as a result of hand-offs, continues Frank"

About Bilcare Global Clinical Supplies

Bilcare Global Clinical Supplies serves the Americas, Europe, and Asia with clinical trial materials support, services, and complete project management. Its services for solid, semi-solid, liquid, DEA (CI-

V), and biotech clinical trial materials (CTM) satisfy a broad range of requirements; from pre-formulation research and development, manufacturing, analytical services and clinical supplies packaging and labeling, to IVRS, QP services, controlled temperature (cold chain) CTM storage, worldwide distribution, and returns and destructions accountability.

For more information about Bilcare Global Clinical Supplies, visit www.BilcareGCS.com.

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