



Mallinckrodt Baker

MALLINCKRODT BAKER LAUNCHES CERTIFIED EXCIPIENT DISTRIBUTOR PROGRAM

BrandNu Laboratories, Inc. and Doe and Ingalls of North Carolina, L.L.C. are the first Mallinckrodt Baker Certified Excipient Distributors

PHILLIPSBURG, N.J. - August 21, 2008 - Covidien (NYSE: COV, BSX: COV), a leading global provider of healthcare products, today announced the launch of the Mallinckrodt Baker Certified Excipient Distributor Program. The Program is designed to strategically align Mallinckrodt Baker and select channel partners to provide the pharmaceutical industry with an optimized supply chain that is compliant with the International Pharmaceutical Excipient Council's (IPEC) guidelines for Good Distribution Practices (GDP). The Company also announced that Brand-Nu Laboratories, Inc. and Doe and Ingalls of North Carolina, L.L.C. are the first distributors to attain certified status under the program.

The Certified Excipient Distributor Program provides a documented chain of custody, appropriate management of change and assurance that the distributor is operating an environmentally controlled facility. Prior to achieving certified status under this new program, each channel partner must pass a strict quality audit conducted by Mallinckrodt Baker's quality department. The audit process is designed to ensure that each distributor in the program is in compliance with IPEC GDP guidelines.

“Through the Certified Excipient Distributor Program, we are combining Mallinckrodt Baker's industry-leading pharmaceutical and laboratory chemical products with the strengths of our highly qualified channel partners to better meet the changing supply

chain needs of the pharmaceutical industry,” said Paul Smaltz, Vice President, Global Marketing for Mallinckrodt Baker. “This effort helps to assure our customers that our distributors are exceeding industry standards for excipients distribution practices.”

All Mallinckrodt Baker Certified Excipient Distributors offer services such as re-palletizing products at the distributor site, incoming inspection, chemical inventory management, special product labeling and less than truck load shipping. Mallinckrodt Baker is actively auditing other channel partners worldwide and expects to expand its list of certified distributors in the future.

For more information about the Mallinckrodt Baker Certified Excipient Distributor Program, visit www.mallbaker.com or call 1-800-582-2537.

ABOUT MALLINCKRODT BAKER

Mallinckrodt Baker is a manufacturer of high purity chemicals and related products and services sold under two well-known and respected brand names - J.T.Baker® and Mallinckrodt® Chemicals. These products are widely used in research and quality control laboratories, microelectronics, environmental testing laboratories and universities, and for manufacturing in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and other industrial markets. Based in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, Mallinckrodt Baker is part of Covidien.

ABOUT COVIDIEN

Covidien is a leading global healthcare products company that creates innovative medical solutions for better patient outcomes and delivers value through clinical leadership and excellence. Covidien manufactures, distributes and services a diverse range of industry-leading product lines in four segments: Medical Devices, Imaging Solutions, Pharmaceutical Products and Medical Supplies. With 2007 revenue of nearly \$9 billion, Covidien has more than 42,000 employees worldwide in 57 countries, and its products are sold in over 130 countries. Please visit www.covidien.com to learn more about our business.

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