



Mallinckrodt Baker

## **COVIDIEN LAUNCHES PANEXCEA™ PERFORMANCE EXCIPIENT FOR ORAL DISINTEGRATING TABLETS**

*PanExcea MC200 Facilitates a Reduction in Tablet Cost and is the Second Product Launched under the PanExcea Performance Excipient Platform*

Phillipsburg, New Jersey – November 18, 2008 - Covidien (NYSE: COV, BSX: COV), a leading global provider of healthcare products, today announced that its Mallinckrodt Baker business unit is launching the PanExcea MC200 performance excipient for Oral Disintegrating Tablet (ODT) applications. PanExcea MC200 is the second novel performance excipient launched by Mallinckrodt Baker this year. In July, the company introduced PanExcea MHC300G performance excipient for Immediate Release (IR) applications. PanExcea MC200 performance excipient serves as a critical building block for the formulation of a variety of active pharmaceutical ingredients into ODT and offers formulation flexibility to achieve high performance at a low cost relative to competing technologies.

PanExcea MC200 performance excipient combines two ingredients that interact at a sub-particle level and enhance desirable excipient functionality while masking undesired properties of individual excipients. This synergism facilitates the rapid disintegration and dispersion of a tablet in the oral cavity while providing good taste and texture. The unique particle geometry and structure of MC200 enables increased API loading capacity with excellent taste masking capability.

Additionally, PanExcea MC200 performance excipient reduces tablet cost through the use of an excipient-based solution utilizing standard manufacturing and packaging equipment. This helps eliminate costly licensing of ODT technology and new equipment investment.

"Mallinckrodt Baker is proud to launch PanExcea MC200, a novel performance excipient designed specifically for orally disintegrating applications," said Paul Smaltz, Vice President - Global Marketing, Mallinckrodt Baker. "This product further demonstrates our commitment to supplying the pharmaceutical industry with cutting-edge technologies that assist our customers with their development and formulation challenges while reducing ownership costs."

Customers interested in learning more about the new PanExcea MC200 performance excipient for orally disintegrating tablets or the PanExcea performance excipients product line should call 1-800-943-4747. Customers can also visit [www.mallbaker.com/panexcea](http://www.mallbaker.com/panexcea) to request a qualification sample. Mallinckrodt Baker will be featuring the PanExcea product line at its booth at the AAPS Show in Atlanta, November 17 –20, 2008, as well as at the CPhI Show in Mumbai, India, November 28 – 30, 2008

#### **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® Laboratory 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 2008 revenue of nearly \$10 billion, Covidien has more than 41,000 employees worldwide in 59 countries, and its products are sold in over 140 countries. Please visit [www.covidien.com](http://www.covidien.com) to learn more about our business.

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