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COVIDIEN LAUNCHES ULTRA LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY/ MASS SPECTROMETRY SOLVENTS PRODUCT LINE

Solvents extend range of application-optimized and function-tested high-purity products

Phillipsburg, New Jersey – March 10, 2009 – Covidien (NYSE: COV, BSX: COV), a leading global provider of healthcare products, today announced that its Mallinckrodt Baker business is launching the J.T.Baker® ULTRA Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS) solvents product line. The new grade of solvents is designed to meet the needs of the most demanding ultra-high pressure liquid chromatography (UHPLC) and mass spectrometry research and analytical testing applications; such as proteomics, drug discovery, pharmacokinetics and clinical research.

Through a combination of process and packaging enhancements, the new ULTRA LC/MS™ solvents are intended to deliver enhanced instrument performance and extend the useful life of UHPLC columns by controlling trace metal impurities, organic impurities and particle levels. The solvents are filtered through 0.1µ filters which provide extremely low particle counts, and are packaged in 1 L borosilicate bottles that minimize leaching of trace metal impurities. Enhanced suitability testing is performed to ensure that key organic impurities, such as polyethylene glycol (PEG) and phthalates, are controlled throughout the manufacturing and packaging processes.

“As the use of advanced instrumentation in the most demanding research and analytical testing applications grows, the need for ultra high-purity solvents has increased. Low-level chemical impurities can cause metal adduct formation which can lead to erroneous peaks,” said Russell Thorpe, global marketing director, Mallinckrodt Baker. “Our J.T.Baker ULTRA LC/MS solvents have been designed to meet strict quality requirements, which optimize UHPLC instrument performance and reduce the need for costly rework.”

Customers who are interested in learning more about the new line of ULTRA LCMS solvents, should call 888-777-1433 (within the U.S.) 908-329-9912 (outside of the U.S.) or visit www.mallbaker.com/lcms.

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 to learn more about our business.

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