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**Mallinckrodt Baker Doubles Global Manufacturing Capacity for BakerClean™ PV-160
Solar Cell Surface Cleaner**

*Driven by Strong Growth in Global Demand, Surface Cleaner Production Begins
in High-Volume U.S. Manufacturing Facility as European Capacity Ramps Up*

Phillipsburg, New Jersey (July 15, 2008) - Mallinckrodt Baker, Inc. today announced plans to double its manufacturing capacity for BakerClean PV-160 solar cell surface cleaner to meet rapidly growing global demand for the product from solar cell manufacturers. As part of the capacity expansion, Mallinckrodt Baker will begin manufacture of BakerClean PV-160 in its high-volume facility in Paris, Kentucky, while increasing existing manufacturing capacity at its facility in Deventer, the Netherlands.

Introduced to the photovoltaic (PV) marketplace just nine months ago, BakerClean PV-160 has been adopted by more than one dozen PV manufacturers for use in next-generation manufacturing processes. These manufacturers will use BakerClean PV-160 on new processing lines with total annual production capacity of nearly 1,000 megawatts. Solar cells manufactured on these lines will benefit from the increased conversion efficiency provided by BakerClean PV-160, delivering more electricity than cells manufactured without PV-160.

“The PV market’s interest in BakerClean PV-160 solar cell surface cleaner and the subsequent rate of adoption for use in crystalline silicon solar cell manufacturing has been phenomenal,” said John Harris, global marketing manager, Photovoltaic Materials. “Demand has been much greater than originally anticipated, prompting us to accelerate capacity expansion plans for the product. Mallinckrodt Baker is committed to serving our global PV customer base through continued capital investment and product innovation.”

In addition to expanding overall production capacity, the decision to produce BakerClean PV-160 in both the U.S. and Europe reduces the supply chain risk for Mallinckrodt Baker’s

customers, since many manufacturers require backup sources of supply. Mallinckrodt Baker's ability to provide two, geographically distinct manufacturing facilities for BakerClean PV-160 meets the dual-source requirements common in the PV industry.

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