

MSD Announces New Name for its Animal Health Division

Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health renamed *MSD Animal Health* as of 29th June 2011

MSD's animal health division, formerly known as Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health, announced that effective 29th June 2011 it began using the new name, MSD Animal Health. It will be known as Merck Animal Health in the United States and Canada.

"The name change reflects MSD's commitment to animal health and its complementary role to the overall business," said Seamus Maguire, General Manager of MSD Animal Health in Ireland. "We are unwavering in our commitment to veterinarians, producers, pet owners and society as a whole. We aim to generate additional value and sustained growth by continuing to provide integrated solutions with innovative animal health products and services to meet the evolving needs of our customers."

Mr. Maguire continued, "With the scientific and business backing of MSD, MSD Animal Health possesses the necessary mix of resources to enhance our position as an industry leader."

MSD Animal Health is a global leader in the research, development, manufacturing and sale of veterinary medicines and vaccines, with a strong presence in biologics and pharmaceuticals. The division generated global sales of \$2.9 billion in 2010.

MSD values the diversification that MSD Animal Health brings to its portfolio, and sees growth opportunities in the business that can be leveraged across both animal and human health. The company intends to capitalise on MSD Animal Health's broad and innovative portfolio going forward, and to develop the unit into a best-in-class global animal health leader.

The name change follows the joint announcement on March 22, 2011 by MSD and Sanofi-aventis that ended plans to form a new animal health joint venture. Both companies mutually decided to discontinue their agreement primarily because of the increasing complexity of implementing the proposed transaction.

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Notes to Editor

Today's MSD is a global healthcare leader working to help the world be well. Following the completion of Merck & Co., Inc's merger with Schering-Plough Corporation the company is known as MSD worldwide, except in the United States and Canada where we are Merck. Through our prescription medicines, vaccines, biologic therapies, and consumer care and animal health products, we work with customers and operate in more than 140 countries to deliver innovative health solutions. We also demonstrate our commitment to increasing access to healthcare through far-reaching policies, programs and partnerships. For more information, visit www.msd.ie.

MSD in Ireland

MSD employs 2,300 people directly in Ireland through its operations at sites in Carlow, Cork, Dublin, Tipperary and Wicklow.

In the last five decades the company has invested over €2.2bn in Ireland. MSD is one of Ireland's leading exporters and contributes significantly towards making the pharmaceutical industry the country's leading export sector. MSD is a member of Guaranteed Irish and manufactures or packages many of its leading products for the world market in Ireland.

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