Sigma-Aldrich Takes Over Global Distribution for BASF Pharma Excipients in Small Pack Sizes

➢ University and Development Lab Supplies Now Available from Sigma-Aldrich

Ludwigshafen, Germany – February 17, 2011 – BASF SE and Sigma-Aldrich® have signed a global distribution agreement for a number of BASF’s pharmaceutical excipients. Sigma-Aldrich will repack the products into small pack sizes making them available for academic-oriented research and development segments like universities and laboratories.

“Through our agreement with Sigma-Aldrich, we can ensure scientists around the globe a reliable supply of our high-performance materials, addressing today’s most relevant developments in drug formulation and delivery. Researchers will benefit through more flexible packaging sizes that meet their lab demands,” says Dr. Ralf Fink, Head of Global Marketing Pharma Ingredients at BASF.

“Our partnership with BASF SE brings an enhanced line of high quality pharmaceutical excipients to the global research and academic community, supporting growing opportunities in research, drug formulation and other life science areas,” added Josef Zihlmann, Vice President Sales and Marketing at Sigma-Aldrich.
The excipients portfolio offered comprises various grades of binders (Kollidons), coatings (Kollicoats) and solubilizers (Cremophors, Lutrols, Solutol). A complete list of products is available on the Sigma-Aldrich website at www.sigmaaldrich.com.

**About BASF’s Pharma Ingredients & Services**
BASF produces and markets a broad range of active ingredients and excipients, as well as exclusive synthesis services for the pharmaceutical industry. These products are made using the latest technologies, to the highest quality standards and in compliance with cGMP guidelines. Further information can be found at www.pharma-ingredients.basf.com.

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