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Medicilon/MPI Preclinical Research-Shanghai Celebrates its Grand Opening

{October 17, 2008} Medicilon/MPI Preclinical Research-Shanghai is pleased to announce the Grand Opening of its new preclinical research facility. The two parent companies, Shanghai Medicilon and MPI Research, are equally represented in this new joint venture. The 50,000ft² building is located in the Chuansha Economic Park in Shanghai, China. This new facility will meet the regulatory standards set forth by the US FDA and other regulatory agencies worldwide.



Dr. Chun-Lin Chen, co-founder of Shanghai Medicilon, serves as the CEO of Medicilon/MPI Preclinical Research. Dr. Chen received his PhD from Oklahoma State University, and completed post-doctoral training in the United States. Dr. Chen has held numerous leadership positions in professional scientific trade organizations in China as well as other parts of the world.

William U. Parfet, Chairman and CEO of MPI Research in Mattawan Michigan, serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for this new joint venture.

William Harrison, President and COO of MPI Research, Jintao Zhang, PhD, CEO of Shanghai Medicilon, and Dr. Chen are also Directors.

Other key staff members of the company include Andy Dumpis, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, formally CFO at MPI Research. Mr. Dumpis received his BS from Ohio State University and his CPA in California in 1989. He brings more than 25 years of financial experience in a wide range of industries, including real estate, manufacturing, and research and development.

Chief Scientific Officer, R. Stephen Porter, PharmD, FCP, MRCP, brings over 30 years of experience in medical care delivery, research and pharmaceutical development to Medicilon/MPI Preclinical Research-Shanghai. Dr. Porter is the former President, CEO, and Chairman of VDDI Pharmaceuticals and also served as Chief Scientific Advisor-Asian Operations for MPI Research. Dr. Porter received his doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Michigan, where he also completed his undergraduate degree and a Clinical Pharmacy residency.

Medicilon/MPI Preclinical Research-Shanghai provides global pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies with high quality preclinical drug discovery and development studies in an Asian facility that meets worldwide regulatory standards. The new company offers the advantage of conducting research at the Shanghai site for preclinical development, with potential for worldwide release. Customers will now have access to a broader range of both GLP and non-GLP preclinical services in China, such as toxicology, ADME, and pharmacodynamics. In 2009, the joint venture will be fully operational in terms of conducting US GLP FDA/IND enabling studies, as well as receiving AAALAC accreditation.

According to R. Stephen Porter, Pharm.D, FCP, MRCP, and CSO for the joint venture, "With the addition of this important new preclinical development resource in China, Medicilon/MPI Preclinical Research Shanghai will usher in a new era of pharmaceutical development and will create the beginning of the 'Second Silk Road' for China."

MPI Research and Shanghai Medicilon will remain independent parent companies to the newly formed joint venture. MPI Research, headquartered in Michigan, USA, continues to provide a comprehensive range of research capabilities to Sponsors worldwide. The company has over 1700 people dedicated to providing top quality preclinical and early clinical research necessary to bring safer pharmaceutical and medical products to market. Shanghai Medicilon, located in Shanghai at the Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park, has over 250 employees providing quality medicinal chemistry and biology services.

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