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Bayer Animal Health and Bayer Environmental Science Announce Exclusive Distribution Agreement

Shawnee, Kan. (February 17, 2006) – Today, Bayer Animal Health and Bayer Environmental Science, a division of Bayer CropScience, announce an exclusive distribution agreement for the sales and marketing of Bayer Environmental Science branded products in the farm hygiene market.

“This deal underscores Bayer Animal Health’s leadership in the parasite control marketplace by helping us continue to offer the best insect control products in the industry. Leveraging the Bayer family’s portfolio of products and expertise provides great benefit to our customers,” said Joerg Ohle, president and general manager, Bayer Animal Health. “In addition, our alliance with Bayer Environmental Science exemplifies how Bayer Animal Health creates win-win situations for our manufacturing and distribution partners.”

The two products included in the deal, Tempo[®] and Quickbayt[™], are exclusively distributed by the Bayer Animal Health division. Tempo[®] is a pyrethroid compound that delivers long-lasting insecticidal action in a ready-to-use wettable powder and Quickbayt[™] is ready-to-use fly bait granules for the control of adult and lesser houseflies in commercial, industrial, and domestic areas.

Just as important, the agreement heralds a new era of collaboration between the companies that will better harness the world-class insecticide research and development strength of Bayer Environmental Science and the marketing and sales expertise of Bayer Animal Health. The contract also outlines a common commitment by both organizations to develop new products and extend applications for current products.

“Bayer Animal Health’s marketing and sales expertise in the farm hygiene market makes them an ideal partner and a perfect fit for our business. In addition, their dedication to this important market segment will help us bring new and innovative products to the market,” said Josh Weeks, Bayer Environmental Science vice president. “We are pleased to be a part of this partnership.”

About Bayer Animal Health

Bayer HealthCare’s Animal Health Division is a worldwide leader in parasite control and prescription pharmaceuticals for dogs, cats, horses, cattle, and poultry. North American operations for the Animal Health Division are headquartered in Shawnee, Kan. Bayer Animal Health is a division of Bayer HealthCare, one of the world’s leading health care companies. Bayer Animal Health boasts a state-of-the-art contract manufacturing facility that offers a wide range of manufacturing services for pharmaceutical and other companies.

About Bayer CropScience

Bayer CropScience, a subsidiary of Bayer AG with annual sales of about EUR 6 billion, is one of the world's leading innovative crop science companies in the areas of crop protection, non-agricultural pest control, seeds and plant biotechnology. The company offers an outstanding range of products and extensive service backup for modern, sustainable agriculture and for non-agricultural applications. Bayer CropScience has a global workforce of about 19,000 and is represented in more than 120 countries.

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