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Greenshoe Option Exercised in Polynt S.p.A. IPO

Basel, 06.11.2006 - Lonza Group, the global life sciences company, announces that in reference to the global offering of the shares of Polynt S.p.A., on 3 November 2006 the Joint Global Coordinators, Mediobanca Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. and Merrill Lynch International, exercised the greenshoe option involving an aggregate of 9,288,000 shares.

The acquisition price for shares covered by the greenshoe option was € 1.80 per share, equal to that provided for under the terms of the global offering, for a total of approximately € 16.72 million.

Transfer and payment of the shares will take place by 8 November 2006.

Accordingly, the global offering including the greenshoe option involved a total of 71,208,000 Polynt shares, equal to 69.00% of the company's share capital, for a total of € 128.17 million.

About Lonza

Lonza is one of the world's leading suppliers to the pharmaceutical, healthcare and life sciences industries. Its products and services span its customers' needs from research to final product manufacture. Lonza is the global leader in the production and support of pharmaceutical active ingredients both chemically as well as biotechnologically. Biopharmaceuticals are one of the key growth drivers of the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. Lonza has strong capabilities in large and small molecules, peptides, amino acids and niche bioproducts which play an important role in the development of novel medicines and healthcare products. Lonza is also a leading provider of value chemical and biotech ingredients to the nutrition, hygiene, preservation, agrochemical and personal care markets.

Lonza is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland and is listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange. The company employs 6,450 people and operates 25 production and R&D sites around the world, all operating to national and international quality standards (e.g. ISO) and regulations (e.g. cGMP). In 2005 Lonza had sales of CHF 2.52 billion. Further information can be found at www.lonza.com.

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