

News Release

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Lonza moves forward to grow Lonzacure® applications by taking over the distribution to the end customers

Basel, 12.09.2007 – After serving the North-America market in collaboration with Air Products for almost 10 years, Lonza has decided to further develop the Lonzacure® market in strong collaborations with the end customers. Lonza has therefore decided to distribute Lonzacure® M-CDEA products directly without a distribution partner based on our optimized logistics & warehousing processes. As consequence, the distribution agreement between Air Products and Lonza was terminated per September 12, 2007. Lonza thanks Air Products for the co-operation and partnership.

Lonzacure® M-CDEA is an outstanding chain extender for high performance cast polyurethane applications. It is preferably used with low TDI free polyurethane prepolymers. It provides excellent mechanical properties with low heat build-up under regular high compression loads, superior hydrolytic resistance up to temperatures of 150°C (300°F), low wear and tear, and can be processed easily with ribbon-flow technology. Lonzacure® M-CDEA has been approved in Europe for polyurethane coatings used in contact with food.

Lonza continues to be committed to supplying Lonzacure® to the cast polyurethane and epoxy industries. Lonza has been successfully producing a series of aromatic amines under the trade number Lonzacure® for more than 20 years from their main plant in Switzerland.

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About Lonza

Lonza is one of the world's leading suppliers to the pharmaceutical, healthcare and life science 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 active pharmaceutical 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 a leader in cell-based research, endotoxin detection and cell therapy manufacturing. Lonza is also a leading

provider of value chemical and biotech ingredients to the nutrition, hygiene, preservation, agro and personal care markets.

Lonza is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland and is listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange. In 2006, Lonza had sales of CHF 2.91 billion. Further information can be found at www.lonza.com.

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