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Lonzagard® RCS™ Family of Spray Disinfectant Combats Norovirus on Land and Sea

Allendale, NJ, 16 July 2014 – The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported recently what Lonza and its customers have long known — that despite its nickname as “the cruise ship virus,” the Norovirus is principally transmitted in restaurants, cafeterias and other food preparation and delivery facilities. The CDC estimates that about one in every 15 Americans, or 20 million people, get sick each year with this virus¹.

Norovirus often makes headlines when it spreads rapidly among passengers and crews on cruise ships and causes severe gastrointestinal illness; but its dangers are widespread. The CDC notes that Norovirus is the leading cause of food-borne illnesses. The agency states the best way to reduce the number of infections is to improve disinfection practices in restaurant kitchens, where sick workers can transmit the virus to hard surfaces.

“Norovirus can linger on hard surfaces for as long as two weeks, which underscores the need for the Lonzagard® RCS™ family of fast-contact time hard surface spray disinfectants,” said Michael DeGennaro, Lonza’s NAFTA Vice President of Consumer Care. “Formulated from cost-effective quat concentrates, the Lonzagard® RCS™ family are effective against Norovirus in five minutes. This enables quick, easy use by food- and health-care workers and janitorial staff to properly disinfect their facilities and protect themselves, their customers and their businesses.”

A part of the Lonzagard® family of disinfectants, the RCS™ family is also effective against a broad array of pathogens. It has wide material compatibility, low odor and minimal PPE requirements for workers. For use in food-preparation facilities, the Lonzagard® RCS™ family of spray disinfectants will require a final rinse.

Visit www.lonza.com/norovirusolutions to learn more about products powered by Lonzagard® and RCS™ technologies, which are available from cleaning chemicals suppliers.

Biocides should always be used safely, and consumers should always read the label and product information before use.

About Lonza’s Hygiene Business

A key part of Lonza’s Consumer Care organization, the Hygiene business offers the broadest portfolio of registered actives, preservatives and formulations for use in disinfectants, sanitizers, and institutional and household cleaning products. This wide range of solutions are used to disinfect and sanitize schools, food processing plants, restaurants, grocery stores, hospitals, homes and more. More information can be found at www.lonzabiocides.com.

¹ <http://origin-www.businessweek.com/articles/2014-06-03/the-cruise-ship-virus-sickens-20-million-americans-on-land-each-year#r=rss>

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About Lonza

Lonza is one of the world's leading and most-trusted suppliers to the pharmaceutical, biotech and specialty ingredients markets. We harness science and technology to create products that support safer and healthier living and that enhance the overall quality of life.

Not only are we a custom manufacturer and developer, Lonza also offers services and products ranging from active pharmaceutical ingredients and stem-cell therapies to drinking water sanitizers, from the vitamin B compounds and organic personal care ingredients to agricultural products, and from industrial preservatives to microbial control solutions that combat dangerous viruses, bacteria and other pathogens.

Founded in 1897 in the Swiss Alps, Lonza today is a well-respected global company with more than 40 major manufacturing and R&D facilities and approximately 10,000 employees worldwide. The company generated sales of about CHF 3.6 billion in 2013 and is organized into two market-focused segments: Pharma&Biotech and Specialty Ingredients. Lonza's stock is publicly traded on the Swiss and the Singapore stock exchanges. Further information can be found at www.lonza.com.

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