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## **World Courier Commits to Environmental Protection, Sustainability with Prestigious Network-wide ISO 14001 Accreditation**

Existing global GxP compliance eases the complexity of implementing ISO 14001 requirements across the full scope of World Courier's large multinational network.

STAMFORD (Connecticut), December 1, 2010 – World Courier is pleased to announce that its global network of over 140 offices and 11 investigational drug storage depots in 50 countries has received ISO 14001:2004 certification, underscoring a company-wide commitment to integrate sound environmental management policies with short- and long-term business objectives.

Established by the International Organization for Standardization, ISO 14001:2004 is an internationally recognized standard that provides the strategic framework for a firm's environmental policy, plans and actions. Commitment to compliance with all applicable environmental legislation and regulations is a cornerstone of the program, as is a commitment to the continuous improvement of environmental standards within the workplace.

"World Courier clearly recognizes the importance of environmental protection and the crucial role that business must play in reducing its industrial footprint," says Wayne Heyland, president of the World Courier group of companies. "We are committed to operating our business responsibly and in compliance with all environmental regulations, legislation and approved codes of practice relating to our specialized delivery activities. The measures that are being implemented are designed to meet, exceed and continuously improve our environmental performance on a global level."

World Courier is already widely recognized as an industry leader in regulatory compliance, becoming the first specialized transport company to embrace GxP compliance on a truly global level in response to the exacting regulatory needs of pharmaceutical customers.



“ISO 14001 certification is the next logical step in delivering high quality, responsible service and best practices to our customers,” says Dr. Rüdiger Lomb, Global Director, Quality and Technical Compliance, who has also been named Global Environmental Manager. “We have the system and oversight mechanisms already in place to successfully implement and manage this program across our entire network, not just in selected locations. All activities and assessments identified for this and subsequent years will be carried out at the local level subject to managerial review, ensuring that the impact of the program is not just theoretical, but has very real and positive local consequences. We look forward to setting an industry example for proactive system-wide environmental management.”

### **About World Courier**

Incorporated in 1969 and headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut (USA), World Courier is the largest and most experienced specialty courier service with a network of over 140 wholly-owned ISO 9001-certified offices operating in 50 countries. It also operates the world’s largest integrated company-owned network of GMP-compliant investigational drug storage facilities in 11 developing and strategic locations, with two more locations soon to open. With a fully GxP-compliant transport and supply chain system in place network-wide, World Courier meets the most demanding industry and regulatory requirements for managing the time- and temperature-sensitive consignments of regulated and other industries.

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