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World Courier Broadens European Ground Service Options through Acquisition of SMS Temp Critical

London (U.K.), December 17, 2010—World Courier has recently acquired SMS Temp Critical, a European market leader in temperature-controlled product distribution and a preferred road transportation specialist to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and healthcare industries. The new company, known as World Courier Ground (Europe) Ltd., is based in Hythe, Kent (U.K.)

“The acquisition of SMS Temp Critical was a perfect fit for World Courier,” says Wayne Heyland, president of the World Courier group of companies. “SMS provides sophisticated temperature-controlled ground services that are complementary to those provided by World Courier and shares a common philosophy of quality, customer care and regulatory compliance. With this acquisition, we can provide customers with more scheduling options for the distribution of their temperature-sensitive shipments within Europe without compromising the quality, control, flexibility, or risk reduction strategies that customers have come to expect from World Courier.”

The new company has invested heavily in staff and driver training and development, validated vehicles, advanced telematics and operational software including real-time satellite tracking capabilities to meet the most demanding temperature-control requirements of the pharmaceutical industry. World Courier Ground (Europe) Ltd. can readily handle the inter-European transport of investigational medicinal products (IMPs) as well as larger bulk shipments for clinical trials at a variety of temperatures ranges: +2°C to +8°C (refrigerated), -20°C (frozen) and +15°C to +25°C (ambient). It recognizes and complies with all relevant aspects of Good Distribution Practice (GDP) guidelines set forth by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in the U.K.

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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