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VÉTOQUINOL ANNOUNCES OPENING OF ITS FIRST DECENTRALIZED R&D CENTER IN CANADA

December 17, 2007 – Lure, France – **Vétoquinol announces the installation of its first decentralized research and development division in Canada.**

This R&D center is being set up to enhance the performance of the existing line of pharmaceutical products and the local innovation process, as well as to enable the company to respond even more precisely to the specific needs of the North American market. The research work carried out in Saint-Hyacinthe may then be extended to medication sold throughout North America.

The new R&D laboratory will be located between the cities of Quebec and Montreal, in the community of Saint-Hyacinthe, which was recently designated as a "cité de la biotechnologie." The location is also less than 100 kilometers from the US border.

"We are delighted to be able to establish our Canadian research and development center in this strategic location, close to the University of Montreal's veterinary school and the CRDA Food Research and Development Center. This latest development further extends our reach in the world's biggest animal health market," notes Etienne Frechin, Chairman and CEO of Vétoquinol.

Upcoming events: 2007 Annual revenues (Thursday, 24 January 2008)

About Vétoquinol

Vétoquinol, established in 1933, is an independent veterinary pharmaceutical laboratory for both food producing animals and pets. This family-owned Group, dedicated to animal health, is the world's 12th largest laboratory in its field. Nearly 80% of its revenue is now generated in export markets.

Its business includes research, production and marketing of drugs and health products. Vétoquinol, positioned in the treatment field, has extensive expertise in 3 major therapeutic fields: anti-infection agents, pain and inflammatory, and cardiology-nephrology.

The Group now distributes its products in about one hundred countries (Europe, North America and Asia), working through 18 subsidiaries and a network of 110 distributor-partners. The company had more than 1,300 employees worldwide.

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