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EMD Serono Named as a Top Employer by *Science* magazine - Ranked Number 7 out of top 20 Employers Across Life Sciences Industry -

Rockland, Massachusetts, October 9, 2008---EMD Serono, Inc., an affiliate of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, announced today that it has been named by *Science* magazine as a top employer in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, ranking number 7 out of the top 20 employers across the life sciences.

“We are honored that the scientific community has recognized EMD Serono as a leading place to work,” said Bernhard Kirschbaum, PhD, Executive Vice President, Research, Merck Serono. “Our success as a leader within the biopharmaceutical industry is a direct result of the hard work, passion and dedication of our employees. We are committed to creating an environment for our scientists that fosters growth, professional development and a place where intellectually curious people can thrive and grow with a common goal of finding new treatments for unmet medical needs.”

This is the second time EMD Serono has been placed on *Science* magazine’s Top Employer survey; previously the organization ranked number 17.

The survey sought to determine which biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies were most admired by people who work in the field, and why. Survey respondents also rated the companies on 23 different attributes, which included Corporate Image, Financial Prowess, Leadership and Direction, Work/Culture Environment, Location and Academic and Intellectual Challenge. The methodology used for the survey included email invitations to AAAS members, *Science* Careers registrants, and Science website visitors.



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The ranking is a result of a survey conducted by *Science* magazine, along with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and commissioned by Senn-Delaney Culture Diagnostics and Measurement to conduct a web-based survey aimed at determining the companies in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries with the best reputations as employers.

About EMD Serono, Inc.

EMD Serono, Inc., an affiliate of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, is a leader in the US biopharmaceutical arena, integrating cutting-edge science with unparalleled patient support systems to improve people's lives. The company has strong market positions in neurodegenerative diseases, with Rebif® (interferon beta-1a), as well as in endocrinology, with Saizen® (somatropin (rDNA origin) for injection), Serostim® (somatropin (rDNA origin) for injection) and Zorbitive™ (somatropin (rDNA origin) for injection). EMD Serono is a leader in fertility treatments, with Gonal-f® (follitropin alpha for injection), Luveris® (lutropin alfa for injection) and Ovidrel® Prefilled Syringe (choriogonadotropin alpha injection). With a clear focus on the patient and a leadership presence in the biopharmaceutical industry, EMD Serono's US footprint continues to grow, with more than 950 employees around the country and fully integrated commercial, clinical and research operations in the company's home state of Massachusetts.

For more information, please visit www.emdserono.com

About Merck KGaA

Merck is a global pharmaceutical and chemical company with total revenues of EUR 7.1 billion in 2007, a history that began in 1668, and a future shaped by 30,968 employees in 60 countries. Its success is characterized by innovations from entrepreneurial employees. Merck's operating activities come under the umbrella of Merck KGaA, in which the Merck family holds an approximately 70% interest and free shareholders own the remaining approximately 30%. In 1917 the U.S. subsidiary Merck & Co. was expropriated and has been an independent company ever since.

For more information, please visit www.merckserono.net or www.merck.de