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Novartis Names Director of Technical Operations

GREENSBORO, N.C. (June 15, 2006) – In continued efforts to provide customers with safe, consistent and reliable supplies of vaccine products, Novartis Animal Health US, Inc. has named Mike Parker as director of technical operations.

Parker, of Brandon, S.D., joins the technical operations team in Larchwood, Iowa, and Bucyrus, Kan. He will lead manufacturing projects and work to enhance both plants' efficiency in the production of well-known cattle and swine brands such as Vira Shield[®], Arsenal[®] 4.1, Scour Bos[®], PneumoSTAR[®] Myco and PneumoSTAR[®] SIV.

“Novartis Animal Health’s vaccine manufacturing plants in Larchwood and Bucyrus are key production facilities for our organization and remain central to the success of our livestock business sector,” says Pedro Schmid, senior vice president of Novartis’ Farm Animal Business. “Mike’s leadership will be valuable to our team as it places additional focus on providing quality products and a reliable product supply.”

Parker earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Northern Iowa. He has more than 14 years of experience in the manufacture of livestock vaccines, having worked at a facility in Worthington, Minn., in various roles, including quality control manager, production manager and site manager.

“Meeting and exceeding our customers’ expectations and demands are my priority,” says Parker. “And the team effort shown by Novartis employees demonstrates our desire to satisfy our customers and continue to build strong relationships with them.”

Novartis Animal Health researches, develops and commercializes leading animal treatments that meet the needs of pet owners, farmers and veterinarians. Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland and present in almost 40 countries, Novartis Animal Health employs about 2,300 people worldwide. For more information on livestock vaccines from Novartis Animal Health US, Inc., please consult www.livestock.novartis.com.

Novartis AG (NYSE: NVS) is a world leader in pharmaceuticals and consumer health. In 2005, the Group’s businesses achieved net sales of USD 32.2 billion and net income of USD 6.1 billion. Approximately USD 4.8 billion was invested in R&D. Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Novartis Group companies employ about 91,000 people and operate in over 140 countries around the world. For further information please consult <http://www.novartis.com>.

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