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DAISO and Waters Sign Marketing Agreement for Bulk Process Chromatography Media

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Osaka, Japan and MILFORD, Mass – February 18, 2010 - DAISO CO., LTD. and Waters Corporation jointly announced today that they are entering into a collaborative agreement to globally market and supply DAISOGEL™ bulk packing materials for process chromatography.

DAISO is one of the very few actual manufacturers of spherical silica gel for preparative applications from raw material to the finished product. DAISO's comprehensive quality control system is based on ISO 9001 and has met the quality requirements of global pharmaceutical companies. The chemical surface modification of the silica is designed and executed in a GMP compliant manner. DAISO also has a DMF (Drug Master File) on file with the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the major grades of DAISOGEL™ packing materials.

As drug manufacturers invest significant amounts of money to deliver new drug substances, they need solid commitments from established high quality process bulk suppliers with a long track record for constantly refining and reliably supplying chromatographic media for drug purification processes.

The combined purification expertise of DAISO and Waters will substantially aid pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies as they move from lab-scale purifications into pilot plant and process-scale manufacturing.

DAISOGEL™ packing materials and packed HPLC columns will be available from Waters starting February 18.

DAISOGEL™ columns are packed using Waters patented Optimum Bed Density (OBD™) Technology.*¹ OBD Technology enables analytical column performance and industry best lifetime in larger preparative columns.

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*1. US Patent Number 7,399,410 and UK Patent Number GB 2408 469