



FDA EXTENDS REVIEW OF PENNSAID® DICLOFENAC SODIUM TOPICAL SOLUTION

ST. LOUIS and MISSISSAUGA, ON – August 4, 2009 - Covidien (NYSE:COV), a leading global provider of healthcare products, and Nuvo Research Inc. (TSX:NRI), a Canadian drug development company, today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has set a new action date under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) for Pennsaid (diclofenac sodium) topical solution 1.5% w/w of November 4, 2009.

During the review process, Nuvo provided the FDA with supplemental information, which the Agency determined to be a major amendment to the Pennsaid New Drug Application. As a result, the FDA has extended its action date by three months to provide time for a full review of the submission.

“We believe we have submitted a high-quality application for Pennsaid and will continue to work closely with the FDA throughout the remaining review process,” stated Dan Chicoine, Chairman of Nuvo Research.

“Covidien is committed to the future success of Pennsaid topical solution and we are continuing with our preparations to launch the product anticipating FDA approval,” said Timothy R. Wright, President, Pharmaceutical Products and Imaging Solutions, Covidien.

Nuvo develops drug products delivered to and through the skin using its topical and transdermal drug delivery technologies. Covidien is the largest supplier of controlled pain medications in the United States based on number of prescriptions.

In June, the companies announced that Covidien’s Mallinckrodt Inc. subsidiary had entered into a license and development agreement with Nuvo that encompasses Pennsaid Topical Solution and another topical formulation of diclofenac now under development.

Under the agreement, Nuvo is responsible for regulatory submissions, owns and maintains the intellectual property, and will be responsible for manufacturing. Covidien is responsible for all commercialization activities, including marketing, selling and medical education.

About Covidien

Covidien is a leading global healthcare products company that creates innovative medical solutions for better patient outcomes and delivers value through clinical leadership and excellence. Covidien manufactures, distributes and services a diverse range of industry-leading product lines in four segments: Medical Devices, Imaging Solutions, Pharmaceutical Products and Medical Supplies. With 2008 revenue of nearly \$10 billion, Covidien has more than 41,000 employees worldwide in 59 countries, and its products are sold in over 140 countries. Please visit www.covidien.com to learn more about our business.

About Nuvo Research Inc.

Nuvo is focused on the research and development of drug products delivered to and through the skin using its topical and transdermal drug delivery technologies. Nuvo's lead product is Pennsaid, a topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). Nuvo intends to leverage its skin-penetrating technologies to create a portfolio of topical and transdermal products targeting a variety of indications. Nuvo is a publicly traded, Canadian pharmaceutical company headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, with manufacturing facilities in Varennes, Québec and Wanzleben, Germany and a research and development Center in San Diego, California. For more information, please visit www.nuvoresearch.com. Pennsaid® is a trademark of Nuvo Research, Inc.

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