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**Novel “Janssen Labs at San Diego” Innovation Center to Offer Flexible Lab Environment for Start-up Life Science Companies**

La Jolla, CA, October 18, 2011 – Today, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development, L.L.C. (J&JPRD) announced that it is converting 30,000 square feet of research and office space into an innovation center at the company’s La Jolla-based West Coast Research Center.

The new innovation center for start-ups, called **Janssen Labs at San Diego**, has been designed as a flexible lab environment for start-up companies pursuing new technologies and research platforms to advance medical care. Janssen Labs will provide access to certain equipment and leverages site services and facilities enabling a cost efficient way for new companies to progress their scientific work.

“We are excited about opening Janssen Labs because we believe it’s a model that may help overcome some of the traditional barriers to discovery and development faced by many small life science companies,” said Diego Miralles, M.D., site head for the West Coast Research Center. “This new venture underscores our commitment to advance novel science and quickly and efficiently carry scientific discoveries from the bench to the patient bedside.”

Companies will pay a monthly fee and will have rapid access to flexible, turnkey modular wet lab units, as well as core research equipment and administrative business equipment. The center can accommodate a maximum of 18-20 companies.

Prospective companies interested in licensing space from Janssen Labs will be reviewed and approved for suitability by J&JPRD based on certain criteria. One of the novelties of the model is that the space license agreement does not grant J&JPRD any stake in the companies nor will the companies have a guaranteed future affiliation with J&JPRD. J&JPRD’s operational management of Janssen Labs will be supported by Prescience International, an external firm that specializes in setting up and operating innovation centers in life sciences.

“San Diego is home to many of the world’s top research institutions, well established industry support organizations and a destination location for a growing number of entrepreneurial companies working in life science innovation,” added Miralles. “Janssen Labs at San Diego is expected to officially open its doors for business in early 2012.”

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