

News Release

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Lonza receives United States EPA registration for several formulations to effectively inactivate H5N1 “bird flu” virus

Basel / Allendale, 30 July 2008 – Lonza announces the successful testing and registration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of several formulations to effectively inactivate the H5N1 “bird flu” virus, also known as avian influenza A (H5N1) that has spread across Asia and Europe.

The H5N1 virus is transmitted primarily through contact with surfaces and materials that have been contaminated by infected birds. Lonza’s formulations, used to clean, sanitize and disinfect hard non-porous surfaces, were shown to inactivate the virus, precluding its spread.

As one of the first companies to obtain EPA approval to make claims against the H5N1 “bird flu” virus, Lonza continues to lead the way in meeting the market’s need for disinfectants that are proven effective against dangerous pathogens, such as H5N1.

13 of Lonza’s U.S. registrations now have this important claim.

About Lonza

Lonza is one of the world's leading suppliers to the pharmaceutical, healthcare and life science industries. Its products and services span its customers’ needs from research to final product manufacture. Lonza is the global leader in the production and support of active pharmaceutical ingredients both chemically as well as biotechnologically. Biopharmaceuticals are one of the key growth drivers of the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. Lonza has strong capabilities in large and small molecules, peptides, amino acids and niche bioproducts which play an important role in the development of novel medicines and healthcare products. Lonza is a leader in cell-based research, endotoxin detection and cell therapy manufacturing. Lonza is also a leading provider of value chemical and biotech ingredients to the nutrition, hygiene, preservation, agro and personal care markets.

Lonza is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland and is listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange. In 2007, Lonza had sales of CHF 2.87 billion. Further information can be found at www.lonza.com.

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