



CHILTERN WELCOMES CLEARSTONE CENTRAL LABORATORIES, A SISTER COMPANY, PURCHASED BY ITS OWNER CZURA THORNTON PRIVATE INVESTMENT

London, UK, Nov 04 2009: Chiltern International Limited (Chiltern), a global clinical contract research organization (CRO), announced that its owner, Czura Thornton Private Investment, has completed the purchase of Clearstone Central Laboratories, formerly a division of MDS Pharma Services.

Glenn Kerkhof, Chiltern CEO, stated during the announcement, "Chiltern and Clearstone Central Laboratories will collaborate as sister companies within the Czura Thornton Life Sciences Group. We look forward to working with our colleagues at Clearstone Central Laboratories to deliver a continuum of clinical research and centralized laboratory and cardiac services to serve our clients effectively."

In a joint statement, Czura Thornton's founders **Tony Czura** and **Nick Thornton** said, "We are delighted to augment our Life Sciences Group with Clearstone Central Laboratories and the deep expertise of the people there. We intend to maintain the integrity of the operational teams and continue to invest in strengthening the company's focus on exceptional client service. Combined with our renewed focus on the consistent delivery of high quality service, flexibility and responsiveness that private ownership allows, we look forward to expanding Clearstone's market reach."

Company profiles

About Chiltern:

Established in 1982, Chiltern is a leading global clinical Contract Research Organization with extensive experience conducting and staffing international Phase I to Phase IV clinical trials across a broad range of therapeutic areas for a wide variety of clients. Chiltern has conducted trials in more than 40 countries and employs 1,400 people in 29 countries. Chiltern provides Early Phase, Global Clinical Development, Late Phase, Biometrics, Medical and Regulatory Affairs and Resourcing Solutions services. Further information is available at www.chiltern.com.

About Czura Thornton:

Czura Thornton is a private investment group that was founded by Tony Czura and Nick Thornton in 2003. The group, which owns leading CRO Chiltern (www.chiltern.com), has interests in the life sciences, international trade, property and automotive sectors. In particular, Messrs Czura and Thornton have extensive international experience in the laboratory and CRO sectors. Further information is available at www.czurathornton.com.

About Clearstone Central Laboratories:

Clearstone Central Laboratories is a leading global Central Lab provider offering clinical laboratory and cardiac services solutions. Spanning the globe with 600 people and facilities in Paris, Hamburg, Toronto, New Jersey, *Beijing and Singapore. Further information is available at www.clearstonelabs.com. *The acquisition of the China business is pending subject to receipt of required Chinese governmental approvals.



For More Information Contact:

Stuart McGuire
Chiltern International Ltd.
171 Bath Road
Slough
Berkshire SL1 4AA
UNITED KINGDOM
Tel: +44 (0) 1753 512 000
Fax: +44 (0) 1753 511 116
Email: stuart.mcguire@chiltern.com

Mac McElroy
Chiltern International Inc.
1241 Volunteer Parkway
Suite 950
Bristol, TN 37620
USA
Tel: +1 (423) 968 9533
Fax: +1 (423) 968 3567
Email: mac.mcelroy@chiltern.com