

Mylan to Partner with United Nations and Clinton Health Access Initiative to Fight Diarrhea Fatalities in Children in India

PITTSBURGH and MUMBAI, India, April 28, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Mylan Laboratories Limited, the Indian subsidiary of Mylan Inc. (Nasdaq: MYL), today announced that it has entered into a partnership with the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals Health Alliance (MDGHA) and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) to fight childhood deaths caused by diarrhea. According to a recent United Nations study, India has the highest number of childhood fatalities per year caused by diarrhea.[1] These unnecessary deaths primarily are attributed to the lack of access to treatments like oral rehydration solution (ORS) and zinc. A recent World Health Organization report estimates that diarrhea is the second leading cause of death globally among children under five.[2]

At a conference conducted in Mumbai on Saturday to discuss how public-private partnerships can be mobilized to advance the health of women and children in India, Mylan announced that it would develop and expand access to ORS and zinc for needy children across the country.

Anirudh Deshpande, Senior Vice President for Business Development of Mylan Laboratories in India, said: "This is a tragic, heartbreaking and avoidable situation that largely can be addressed if these children simply get the treatments they need. At Mylan, we are committed to increasing access to these affordable treatments to the children of India and those in the rest of the world. We share the concerns of organizations such as MDGHA and CHAI about expanding access to these life-saving medicines, and we look forward to continuing to work with them to help meet these needs."

Mylan has played a pioneering role over the past decade in providing innovative therapies that can enhance treatment compliance for HIV/AIDS patients in the developing world. Initiatives such as the development of ORS and zinc for pediatric diarrhea further demonstrate the company's commitment to providing the world's 7 billion people access to high quality medicine. Mylan's wide range of ARV products includes 13 active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and 42 first- and second-line finished doses, nine of which are pediatric products. The company's emphasis on producing affordable ARV products has helped to drive down the average annual cost per patient of effective therapies.

Mylan Inc. ranks among the leading generic and specialty pharmaceutical companies in the world and provides products to customers in more than 150 countries and territories. The company maintains one of the industry's broadest and highest quality product portfolios supported by a robust product pipeline; operates one of the world's largest active pharmaceutical ingredient manufacturers; and runs a specialty business focused on respiratory, allergy and psychiatric therapies. For more information about Mylan, please visit www.mylan.com or www.mylan.in.

[1] "Vaccines, hygiene could stop diarrhea deaths: U.N." 14 Oct. 2009. Reuters. http://www.reuters.com/article/2009/10/14/us-diarrhoea-children-idUSTRE59D3L620091014

[2] 2009 WHO Report "Diarrhoea: why children are still dying and what can be done." http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2009/9789241598415 eng.pdf

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