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Lohmann Animal Health Celebrates 50th Anniversary and Expansion

WINSLOW, Maine (Aug. 14, 2007) — Approximately 150 people gathered in Winslow, Maine, at the Lohmann Animal Health avian vaccine laboratory to celebrate the Maine location's 50th anniversary and recent expansion of facilities.

Facilities were expanded to allow continued production of vaccines previously made at the Vineland New Jersey site and to allow for further expansion to meet increasing market demand.

Three new production laboratories, expanded freeze-drying capability and doubling of bacterial antigen production will boost production capacity. A new, 10,000 square foot label/package/ship center with refrigeration will allow rapid fulfillment of specially labeled avian vaccine orders to 45 international sites.

A new three-chamber hepa-filtered animal testing house with multiple isolators in each chamber plus two large pen-type chicken houses have boosted the company's live bird testing capacity.

Guests from North, South and Central America plus Europe attended the event. Speeches, lunch and tours of the new laboratories highlighted the event.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Travis Cigainero, Head of Health for Pilgrim's Pride Company, the world's largest broiler production company, who congratulated the company on its "poultry vaccines only" decision and stressed the importance of reliable and available vaccines for his firm's success. And, he indicated that investment in R&D is required to continue to meet the needs of industry.

Mr. Doug Metzger, Site Manger for Hyline International the leading table egg layer breeder company, stressed the need for vaccine companies to remain tuned into the practical needs of the customer as LAH develops new vaccines. He used special characteristics of an inactivated Salmonella vaccine as an example.

Dr. Kenneth Eskelund, founder of the original USA firm, was in attendance and honored at the event.

Based in Winslow, Maine, LAH is a member of the PHW Group, which comprises 30 companies that produce avian vaccines and poultry for the global market. For more information, contact LAH at (800) 655-1342 or visit the company's website at www.lahinternational.com.

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