



Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. Responds to Stock Decline

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WILMINGTON, Mass.--(BW HealthWire)--Dec. 11, 2000--Responding to inquiries from the New York Stock Exchange, management at Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (NYSE:CRL) advises that it is not aware of any adverse events or coverage that might explain the substantial decline in the stock price earlier today. Management confirms its earlier guidance provided by press release on November 27 that sales and earnings for the fourth quarter are expected to exceed analysts' estimates.

Charles River Laboratories, based in Wilmington, Massachusetts, is a leading provider of critical research tools and integrated support services that enable innovative and efficient drug discovery and development. The Company is the global leader in providing animal research models required in research and development for new drugs, devices and therapies. The Company also offers a broad and growing portfolio of biomedical products and services that enable customers to reduce cost, increase speed, and enhance productivity and effectiveness in drug discovery and development. Charles River's customer base spans over 50 countries, and includes all of the major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, as well as many leading hospitals and academic institutions. The Company operates 53 facilities in 15 countries worldwide.

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