



Charles River Laboratories CEO to Address JPMorgan H&Q Healthcare Conference

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WILMINGTON, Mass., Jan 4, 2002 (BW HealthWire) -- Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (NYSE: CRL) announced today that Chairman and CEO James C. Foster will be presenting at the 20th Annual JPMorgan H&Q Healthcare Conference in San Francisco, California on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. PST.

A live webcast of Mr. Foster's presentation will be available through a link that will be posted on the investor page of the Charles River Laboratories website, <http://www.criver.com>. The presentation also will be archived on the website for later viewing.

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 the 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 76 facilities in 15 countries worldwide.

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