



Charles River Laboratories Management to Address Bear Stearns Healthcare Conference

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WILMINGTON, Mass., Sep 12, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (NYSE:CRL) announced today that Chairman, President and CEO James C. Foster and Senior Vice President and CFO Thomas F. Ackerman will discuss the company's business outlook at the Bear Stearns 15th Annual Healthcare Conference in New York. Company management will present on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

A live webcast of the presentation will be available through a link that will be posted on the Investor Relations section of the Charles River Laboratories website, <http://www.criver.com>. A webcast replay will be accessible through the Investor Relations section of the company's website approximately two hours following the presentation and will remain available until Tuesday, September 24, 2002. The associated slide presentation will be available for downloading during that time.

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 78 facilities in 16 countries worldwide. For more information, visit the Company's web site as <http://www.criver.com>.

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