

Charles River Laboratories Management to Address Lehman Brothers and Wachovia Securities Conferences

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WILMINGTON, Mass., Feb 20, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (NYSE:CRL) announced today Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer James C. Foster and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Thomas F. Ackerman will discuss the Company's business outlook at the Lehman Brothers Sixth Annual Healthcare Conference in Miami, Florida on Monday, March 3, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. Mr. Ackerman will also discuss the Company's business outlook at the Wachovia Securities Ninth Annual Convertible Securities Conference in Miami on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time.

A live webcast of both presentations will be available through links that will be posted on the Investor Relations section of the Charles River Laboratories website, http://ir.criver.com. Webcast replays will be accessible through the Investor Relations section of the Company's website approximately three hours following each presentation. The Lehman Brothers presentation will remain available until Monday, March 9, 2003 and the Wachovia Securities presentation will remain available until Wednesday, March 11, 2003.

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