

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM

TO

Commission File No. 001-15943

**CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**251 Ballardvale Street  
Wilmington, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**06-1397316**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**01887**

(Zip Code)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): **(781) 222-6000**

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer   
(Do not check if smaller  
reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

As of July 24, 2012, there were 48,730,630 shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2012

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## Special Note on Factors Affecting Future Results

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and the future results of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (Charles River or We) that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about the industries in which Charles River operates and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as “expect,” “anticipate,” “target,” “goal,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “estimate,” “will,” “likely,” “may,” “designed,” “would,” “future,” “can,” “could” and other similar expressions that are predictions of or indicate future events and trends or which do not relate to historical matters are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on our current expectations and beliefs and involve a number of risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict. For example, we may use forward-looking statements when addressing topics such as: the pursuit of our initiatives to optimize returns for stockholders, including efforts to improve our operating margins, improve free cash flow, invest in growth businesses and return value to shareholders; future demand for drug discovery and development products and services, including the outsourcing of these services and spending trends by our customers; our expectations regarding stock repurchases; present spending trends and other cost reduction activities by our customers; future actions by our management; the outcome of contingencies; changes in our business strategy; changes in our business practices and methods of generating revenue; the development and performance of our services and products; market and industry conditions, including competitive and pricing trends; changes in the composition or level of our revenues; our cost structure; the impact of acquisitions and dispositions; our expectations with respect to sales growth and operating synergies (including the impact of specific actions intended to cause related improvements); the impact of specific actions intended to improve overall operating efficiencies and profitability (and our ability to accommodate future demand with our infrastructure); changes in our expectations regarding future stock option, restricted stock, and other equity grants to employees and directors; expectations with respect to foreign currency exchange; assessing (or changing our assessment of) our tax positions for financial statement purposes; and our cash flow and liquidity. In addition, these statements include the impact of economic and market conditions on our customers; the effects of our cost-saving actions and the steps to optimize returns to shareholders on an effective and timely basis and the ability of Charles River to withstand the current market conditions. You should not rely on forward-looking statements because they are predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document or in the case of statements incorporated by reference, on the date of the document incorporated by reference. Factors that might cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 under the section entitled “Our Strategy,” the section entitled “Risks Related to Our Business and Industry,” the section entitled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and in our press releases and other financial filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We have no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or risks. New information, future events or risks may cause the forward-looking events we discuss in this report not to occur.

**Part I. Financial Information**

**Item 1. Financial Statements**

**CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)**  
(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Net sales related to products	\$ 119,125	\$ 122,741	\$ 245,339	\$ 244,137
Net sales related to services	165,598	165,522	325,365	329,969
Net sales	284,723	288,263	570,704	574,106
Costs and expenses				
Cost of products sold	62,035	65,271	126,980	131,037
Cost of services provided	119,103	116,672	235,927	234,111
Selling, general and administrative	49,900	47,209	105,877	102,216
Amortization of other intangibles	4,411	5,797	8,906	11,177
Operating income	49,274	53,314	93,014	95,565
Other income (expense)				
Interest income	151	558	336	922
Interest expense	(8,079)	(10,659)	(16,514)	(20,675)
Other, net	(1,346)	(408)	(1,690)	(345)
Income from continuing operations, before income taxes	40,000	42,805	75,146	75,467
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	9,453	8,649	18,129	5,934
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	30,547	34,156	57,017	69,533
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	42	(1,732)	119	(5,677)
Net income	30,589	32,424	57,136	63,856
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(121)	(106)	(229)	(203)
Net income attributable to common shareowners	<u>\$ 30,468</u>	<u>\$ 32,318</u>	<u>\$ 56,907</u>	<u>\$ 63,653</u>
Earnings (loss) per common share				
Basic:				
Continuing operations attributable to common shareowners	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.32
Discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ (0.03)	\$ —	\$ (0.11)
Net income attributable to common shareowners	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.21
Diluted:				
Continuing operations attributable to common shareowners	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.66	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.30
Discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ (0.03)	\$ —	\$ (0.11)
Net income attributable to common shareowners	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.20

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements.

**CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)**  
(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Net income	\$ 30,589	\$ 32,424	\$ 57,136	\$ 63,856
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(10,871)	(2,558)	(4,091)	5,700
Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities:				
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	—	(52)	209	(137)
Add: reclassification adjustment for losses included in net income	—	—	712	—
Defined benefit plan gains (losses) and prior service costs not yet recognized as components of net periodic pension cost:				
Amortization of prior service costs and net gains and losses	659	236	1,320	499
Comprehensive income, before tax	20,377	30,050	55,286	69,918
Income tax expense related to items of other comprehensive income	284	335	545	539
Comprehensive income, net of tax	20,093	29,715	54,741	69,379
Less: comprehensive income related to noncontrolling interests	(108)	(124)	(234)	(233)
Comprehensive income attributable to common shareholders	<u>\$ 19,985</u>	<u>\$ 29,591</u>	<u>\$ 54,507</u>	<u>\$ 69,146</u>

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements.

**CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)**  
(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,076	\$ 68,905
Trade receivables, net	208,046	184,810
Inventories	92,283	92,969
Other current assets	75,047	79,052
Current assets of discontinued businesses	107	107
Total current assets	451,559	425,843
Property, plant and equipment, net	727,405	738,030
Goodwill, net	196,225	197,561
Other intangibles, net	84,570	93,437
Deferred tax asset	43,983	44,804
Other assets	41,399	57,659
Long-term assets of discontinued businesses	932	986
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,546,073</u>	<u>\$ 1,558,320</u>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases	\$ 134,830	\$ 14,758
Accounts payable	34,487	34,332
Accrued compensation	37,363	41,602
Deferred revenue	60,993	56,530
Accrued liabilities	45,033	54,377
Other current liabilities	14,367	14,033
Current liabilities of discontinued businesses	1,053	1,165
Total current liabilities	328,126	216,797
Long-term debt and capital leases	551,397	703,187
Other long-term liabilities	99,319	108,451
Long-term liabilities of discontinued businesses	2,381	2,522
Total liabilities	981,223	1,030,957
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareowners' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 120,000,000 shares authorized; 79,079,407 issued and 48,591,443 shares outstanding at June 30, 2012 and 78,473,888 issued and 48,875,715 shares outstanding at December 31, 2011	791	785
Capital in excess of par value	2,070,474	2,056,921
Accumulated deficit	(408,689)	(465,596)
Treasury stock, at cost, 30,487,964 shares and 29,598,173 shares at June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively	(1,101,933)	(1,071,120)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,193	4,593
Total shareowners' equity	562,836	525,583
Noncontrolling interests	2,014	1,780
Total equity	564,850	527,363
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 1,546,073</u>	<u>\$ 1,558,320</u>

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements.

**CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**  
(dollars in thousands)

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
<b>Cash flows relating to operating activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 57,136	\$ 63,856
Less: Income (loss) from discontinued operations	119	(5,677)
Income from continuing operations	57,017	69,533
Adjustments to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	40,067	43,081
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts	8,662	8,851
Non-cash compensation	10,586	11,348
Deferred income taxes	4,590	2,735
Other, net	3,315	1,238
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	(25,390)	(14,218)
Inventories	(1,206)	1,562
Other assets	(2,665)	759
Accounts payable	617	(397)
Accrued compensation	(3,890)	3,430
Deferred revenue	4,349	(8,882)
Accrued liabilities	(9,080)	(2,750)
Taxes payable and prepaid taxes	2,737	(24,274)
Other liabilities	(7,065)	(5,319)
Net cash provided by operating activities	82,644	86,697
<b>Cash flows relating to investing activities</b>		
Capital expenditures	(23,553)	(13,450)
Purchases of investments	(8,178)	(15,334)
Proceeds from sale of investments	21,424	19,917
Other, net	1,729	988
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,578)	(7,879)
<b>Cash flows relating to financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from long-term debt and revolving credit agreement	38,117	150,835
Proceeds from exercises of stock options and warrants	3,107	12,713
Payments on long-term debt, capital lease obligation and revolving credit agreement	(76,355)	(82,014)
Purchase of treasury stock and Accelerated Stock Repurchase Program	(30,813)	(191,109)
Other, net	474	(62)
Net cash used in financing activities	(65,470)	(109,637)
<b>Discontinued operations</b>		
Net cash used in operating activities	(88)	(1,748)
Net cash used in discontinued operations	(88)	(1,748)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,337)	(762)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	7,171	(33,329)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	68,905	179,160
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 76,076</b>	<b>\$ 145,831</b>
<b>Supplemental cash flow information</b>		
Capitalized interest	\$ 373	\$ 148

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**CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)**  
(dollars in thousands)

	Total	Accumulated (Deficit) Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Common Stock	Capital in Excess of Par	Treasury Stock	Non-controlling Interest
<b>December 31, 2011</b>	\$ 527,363	\$ (465,596)	\$ 4,593	\$ 785	\$ 2,056,921	\$ (1,071,120)	\$ 1,780
Components of comprehensive income, net of tax:							
Net income	57,136	56,907					229
Other comprehensive income	(2,395)		(2,400)				5
Total comprehensive income	54,741						234
Tax detriment associated with stock issued under employee compensation plans	(148)				(148)		
Issuance of stock under employee compensation plans	3,121			6	3,115		
Acquisition of treasury shares	(30,813)				—	(30,813)	
Stock-based compensation	10,586				10,586		
<b>June 30, 2012</b>	<u>\$ 564,850</u>	<u>\$ (408,689)</u>	<u>\$ 2,193</u>	<u>\$ 791</u>	<u>\$ 2,070,474</u>	<u>\$ (1,101,933)</u>	<u>\$ 2,014</u>

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements.



CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

1. Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited, and certain information and footnote disclosures related thereto normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America have been omitted in accordance with Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared following the same policies and procedures used in the preparation of the audited financial statements and reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary to state fairly the financial position and results of operations of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire fiscal year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Certain amounts in prior-year financial statements and related notes have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation.

2. Restructuring and Contract Termination Costs

We have implemented staffing reductions over the past few years to improve operating efficiency and profitability at various sites. As a result of these actions, for the three months ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, we recorded severance and retention charges as shown below. As of June 30, 2012, \$1,047 was included in accrued compensation and \$2,005 in other long-term liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet.

The following table rolls forward our severance and retention cost liability:

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 3,374	\$ 10,658
Expense	911	1,392
Payments/utilization	(1,233)	(6,065)
Balance, end of period	\$ 3,052	\$ 5,985

The following table presents severance and retention costs by classification on the income statement:

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Severance charges included in cost of sales	\$ —	\$ 431
Severance charges included in selling, general and administrative expense	911	961
Total expense	\$ 911	\$ 1,392

The following table presents severance and retention cost by segment:

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Research models and services	\$ —	\$ 408
Preclinical services	911	984
Corporate	—	—
Total expense	\$ 911	\$ 1,392

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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3. Supplemental Balance Sheet Information

The composition of net trade receivables is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Client receivables	\$ 181,363	\$ 159,381
Unbilled revenue	30,682	29,446
Total	212,045	188,827
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,999)	(4,017)
Net trade receivables	\$ 208,046	\$ 184,810

The composition of inventories is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Raw materials and supplies	\$ 13,076	\$ 13,987
Work in process	16,548	13,533
Finished products	62,659	65,449
Inventories	\$ 92,283	\$ 92,969

The composition of other current assets is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Prepaid assets	\$ 24,659	\$ 22,828
Deferred tax asset	26,265	30,894
Marketable securities	6,623	5,359
Prepaid income tax	17,271	19,742
Restricted cash	229	229
Other current assets	\$ 75,047	\$ 79,052

The composition of net property, plant and equipment is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Land	\$ 40,482	\$ 40,517
Buildings	699,041	696,275
Machinery and equipment	337,820	332,683
Leasehold improvements	38,689	29,975
Furniture and fixtures	27,932	26,775
Vehicles	3,140	5,226
Computer hardware and software	104,959	105,563
Construction in progress	45,798	57,661
Total	1,297,861	1,294,675
Less accumulated depreciation	(570,456)	(556,645)
Net property, plant and equipment	\$ 727,405	\$ 738,030

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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Depreciation is calculated for financial reporting purposes using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation expense for the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 was \$31,161 and \$31,904, respectively.

The composition of other assets is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Deferred financing costs	\$ 7,677	\$ 9,239
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	20,273	25,057
Long term marketable securities	—	11,051
Other assets	13,449	12,312
Other assets	<u>\$ 41,399</u>	<u>\$ 57,659</u>

The composition of other current liabilities is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Accrued income taxes	\$ 10,854	\$ 10,552
Current deferred tax liability	1,342	1,379
Accrued interest and other	2,171	2,102
Other current liabilities	<u>\$ 14,367</u>	<u>\$ 14,033</u>

The composition of other long-term liabilities is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Deferred tax liability	\$ 15,416	\$ 16,074
Long-term pension liability	40,866	49,223
Accrued Executive Supplemental Life Insurance Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan	26,112	25,739
Other long-term liabilities	16,925	17,415
Other long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 99,319</u>	<u>\$ 108,451</u>

**4. Marketable Securities and Equity-Method Affiliates**

Investments in marketable securities are reported at fair value and consist of time deposits and auction rate securities. During the six month ended June 30, 2012, we sold our auction rate securities for \$11,260 in cash and recorded a realized loss of \$712, which is included in other income (expense).

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and fair value for marketable securities by major security type were as follows:

	June 30, 2012			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Time deposits	\$ 6,623	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,623
Auction rate securities	—	—	—	—
	<u>\$ 6,623</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 6,623</u>

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	December 31, 2011			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Time deposits	\$ 5,359	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5,359
Auction rate securities	11,972	—	(921)	11,051
	<u>\$ 17,331</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (921)</u>	<u>\$ 16,410</u>

Maturities of debt securities were as follows:

	June 30, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due less than one year	\$ 6,623	\$ 6,623	\$ 5,359	\$ 5,359
Due after one year through five years	—	—	—	—
Due after ten years	—	—	11,972	11,051
	<u>\$ 6,623</u>	<u>\$ 6,623</u>	<u>\$ 17,331</u>	<u>\$ 16,410</u>

**Equity-Method Affiliates**

In 2009, we entered into a limited partnership, which invests in biotechnology and medical device companies. We committed \$20,000, or approximately 12%, of the limited partnership's total committed capital. As of June 30, 2012, we have contributed \$7,120 of our total committed capital of \$20,000. We recognized equity income (loss) of \$(262) and \$135 for the three and six month ended June 30, 2012, respectively. This income is reported as other income (expense). As of June 30, 2012, equity method affiliates had a carrying value of \$7,544, which is reported in other assets on the consolidated balance sheets.

**5. Fair Value**

Valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value are as follows:

- Time deposits—Valued at their ending balances as reported by the financial institutions that hold our securities, which approximates fair value.
- Life policies—Valued at cash surrender value.
- Contingent consideration—Consists of future acquisition-related payments based on certain agreed upon revenue and technical milestones valued using the income approach.
- Hedge contract—Valued at fair value by management based on our foreign exchange rates and forward points provided by banks.
- Long-term debt—Valued based on current market pricing for similar debt.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2012 using			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Assets and Liabilities at Fair Value
Time deposits	\$ —	\$ 6,623	\$ —	\$ 6,623
Auction rate securities	—	—	—	—
Fair value of life policies	—	14,663	—	14,663
Hedge contract	—	70	—	70
Total assets measured at fair value	\$ —	\$ 21,356	\$ —	\$ 21,356
Contingent consideration	—	—	—	—
Total liabilities measured at fair value	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2011 using			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Assets and Liabilities at Fair Value
Time deposits	\$ —	\$ 5,359	\$ —	\$ 5,359
Auction rate securities	—	—	11,051	11,051
Fair value of life policies	—	19,520	—	19,520
Hedge contract	—	5	—	5
Total assets measured at fair value	\$ —	\$ 24,884	\$ 11,051	\$ 35,935
Contingent consideration	—	—	—	—
Total liabilities measured at fair value	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

The book value of our term and revolving loans, which are variable rate loans carried at amortized cost, approximates fair value based current market pricing of similar debt. The fair value of our 2.25% Senior Convertible Debentures (2013 Notes), which are carried at cost less unamortized discount on our consolidated balance sheets, was \$350,870 as of June 30, 2012. We determine the fair value of these 2013 Notes based on their most recent quoted market price and by reference to the market value of similar debt instruments. We classify the fair value of our debt as Level 2 (significant other observable inputs) on the valuation hierarchy, where Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and/or quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active.

The following table presents a reconciliation for all assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011.

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	Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Auction rate securities		
Beginning balance	\$ 11,051	\$ 11,377
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	—	—
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):		
Included in other income (expense)	(712)	(1)
Included in other comprehensive income	921	(137)
Purchases, issuances and settlements	(11,260)	—
Ending balance	\$ —	\$ 11,239

We enter into derivative instruments to hedge foreign currency exchange risk to reduce the impact of changes to foreign currency rates on our financial statements. During the quarter ended June 30, 2012, we recognized \$1,431 of hedge losses associated with forward currency contracts open during the quarter. As of June 30, 2012, outstanding forward currency contracts had a fair value of \$70.

**6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

The following table displays goodwill and other intangible assets not subject to amortization and other intangible assets that continue to be subject to amortization:

	June 30, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization & Impairment Loss	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization & Impairment Loss
Goodwill	\$ 1,212,924	\$ (1,016,700)	\$ 1,214,285	\$ (1,016,724)
Other intangible assets not subject to amortization:				
Research models	\$ 3,438	\$ —	\$ 3,438	\$ —
Other intangible assets subject to amortization:				
Backlog	2,833	(2,299)	2,856	(2,253)
Client relationships	298,774	(219,456)	298,813	(210,816)
Trademarks and trade names	5,017	(4,751)	5,022	(4,706)
Other identifiable intangible assets	5,395	(4,380)	5,415	(4,332)
Total other intangible assets	\$ 315,457	\$ (230,886)	\$ 315,544	\$ (222,107)

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The changes in the gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of goodwill are as follows:

	December 31, 2011	Adjustments to Goodwill		June 30, 2012
		Acquisitions	Foreign Exchange/ Impairment	
<b>Research Models and Services</b>				
Gross carrying amount	\$ 56,402	\$ —	\$ (275)	\$ 56,127
Accumulated amortization	(3,721)	—	24	(3,697)
<b>Preclinical Services</b>				
Gross carrying amount	1,157,883	—	(1,086)	1,156,797
Accumulated impairment loss	(1,005,000)	—	—	(1,005,000)
Accumulated amortization	(8,003)	—	—	(8,003)
<b>Total</b>				
Gross carrying amount	\$ 1,214,285	\$ —	\$ (1,361)	\$ 1,212,924
Accumulated impairment loss	(1,005,000)	—	—	(1,005,000)
Accumulated amortization	(11,724)	—	24	(11,700)

7. Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations

*Long-Term Debt*

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
2.25% Senior convertible debentures:		
Principal	\$ 349,995	\$ 349,995
Unamortized debt discount	(14,433)	(21,533)
Net carrying amount of senior convertible debentures	335,562	328,462
Term loan facilities	315,420	356,322
Revolving credit facility	35,000	33,000
Other long-term debt represents secured and unsecured promissory notes, interest rates ranging from 0% to 0.5% at both June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, maturing between 2012 and 2013	222	118
Total debt	686,204	717,902
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(134,812)	(14,732)
Long-term debt	\$ 551,392	\$ 703,170

Our credit agreement dated September 23, 2011 provides for a \$299,750 term loan, a €69,414 Euro term loan and a \$350,000 revolving credit facility. Under specified circumstances, we have the ability to increase the term loan and/or revolving line of credit by up to \$250,000 in the aggregate. The term loan facility matures in 20 quarterly installments with the last installment due September 23, 2016. The \$350,000 revolving facility also matures on September 23, 2016 and requires no scheduled payment before that date. The book value of our term and revolving loans approximates fair value.

The credit agreement includes certain customary representations and warranties, events of default, notices of material adverse changes to our business and negative and affirmative covenants. As of June 30, 2012, we were compliant with all financial covenants specified in the credit agreement. We had \$4,325 outstanding under letters of credit as of June 30, 2012.

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As of June 30, 2012, our debt included \$349,995 of 2.25% Senior Convertible Debentures (2013 Notes) due June 2013. At June 30, 2012, the fair value of these outstanding 2013 Notes was approximately \$350,870 based on their quoted market value and no conversion triggers were met. The current portion of the 2013 Notes is \$100,670, which represents the amount we expect to settle upon maturity through available cash and future borrowings. We expect to settle the remaining balance on the 2013 Notes utilizing the capacity on our current revolving credit facility when the 2013 Notes mature. As of June 30, 2012, we had the ability and intent to settle the principal balance of the 2013 Notes at maturity by using a combination of the available capacity on our current credit agreement, available cash, and future borrowings.

As of June 30, 2012, \$14,433 of debt discount related to the 2013 Notes remained and will be amortized over 4 quarters. Interest expense related to our convertible debt of \$3,587 and \$3,403 for quarters ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, respectively, yielded an effective interest rate of 6.93% on the liability component. In addition, \$1,969 and \$1,969 of contractual interest expense was recognized on our convertible debt during the quarters ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, respectively.

Principal maturities of existing debt, which excludes unamortized discount, for the periods set forth in the table below are as follows:

<u>Twelve Months Ending</u>		
June 2013	\$	384,137
June 2014		38,766
June 2015		62,884
June 2016		59,950
June 2017		154,900
Total	\$	<u>700,637</u>

We have capital leases for equipment. These leases are capitalized using interest rates considered appropriate at the inception of the lease. Capital lease obligations amounted to \$22 and \$43 at June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

## 8. Equity

### *Earnings Per Share*

Basic earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 was computed by dividing earnings available to common shareowners for these periods by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding in the respective periods adjusted for contingently issuable shares. The weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the three and six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 has been adjusted to include common stock equivalents for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share for these periods.

Options to purchase 4,672,900 shares and 4,005,165 shares were outstanding in each of the three months ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, respectively, but were not included in computing diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. Options to purchase 4,534,065 shares and 4,028,815 shares were outstanding in each of the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, respectively, but were not included in computing diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. Basic weighted average shares outstanding for the three months ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 excluded the weighted average impact of 5,447 and 718,089 shares, respectively, of non-vested fixed restricted stock awards. Basic weighted average shares outstanding for the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 excluded the weighted average impact of 316,596 and 718,089 shares, respectively, of non-vested fixed restricted stock awards.

The following table illustrates the reconciliation of the numerator and denominator in the computations of the basic and diluted earnings per share:



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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
<b>Numerator:</b>				
Income from continuing operations for purposes of calculating earnings per share	\$ 30,426	\$ 34,050	\$ 56,788	\$ 69,330
Income (loss) from discontinued businesses	42	\$ (1,732)	\$ 119	\$ (5,677)
<b>Denominator:</b>				
Weighted-average shares outstanding—Basic	48,029,744	50,991,731	48,142,347	52,464,839
Effect of dilutive securities:				
2.25% senior convertible debentures	—	—	—	—
Stock options and contingently issued restricted stock	383,056	689,006	439,844	687,166
Weighted-average shares outstanding—Diluted	48,412,800	51,680,737	48,582,191	53,152,005
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to common shareowners	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.32
Basic earnings (loss) per share from discontinued operations attributable to common shareowners	\$ —	\$ (0.03)	\$ —	\$ (0.11)
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to common shareowners	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.66	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.30
Diluted earnings (loss) per share from discontinued operations attributable to common shareowners	\$ —	\$ (0.03)	\$ —	\$ (0.11)

**Treasury Shares**

For the six months ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, we repurchased 806,454 shares of common stock for \$27,800 and 1,102,392 shares of common stock for \$42,095, respectively, through open market purchases made in reliance on Rules 10b5-1 and 10b-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Additionally, our 2000 Incentive Plan permits the netting of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock awards in order to satisfy individual tax withholding requirements. During the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, we acquired 83,337 shares for \$3,013 and 78,607 shares for \$2,903, respectively, as a result of such withholdings. The six month ended June 25, 2011 also includes the acquisition of 4,637,732 shares under accelerated stock repurchase programs (ASR).

Share repurchases for the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 were as follows:

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Number of shares of common stock repurchased	889,791	5,818,731
Total cost of repurchase	\$ 30,813	\$ 213,624

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9. Income Taxes

The following table provides a reconciliation of the provision for income taxes on the condensed consolidated statements of income:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	40,000	42,805	75,146	75,467
Effective tax rate	23.6%	20.2%	24.1%	7.9%
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	9,453	8,649	18,129	5,934

Our overall effective tax rate was 23.6% in the second quarter of 2012 and 20.2% in the second quarter of 2011. The change was primarily attributable to the tax benefit recorded in the second quarter of 2011 resulting from the receipt of a \$7,710 tax exempt gain on the settlement of a life insurance policy. The effective tax rate for the second quarter of 2012 also increased due to a decline in research and development tax benefits compared to the second quarter of 2011. The effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2012 reflects an unbenefitted capital loss on the sale of auction rate securities recorded in the first quarter of 2012. Additionally, the effective tax rate for the six months ended June 25, 2011 reflects an \$11,111 tax benefit recorded in the first quarter of 2011 associated with a tax loss incurred with the disposition of our Phase I clinical business.

In accordance with Canadian Federal tax law, we claim scientific research and experimental development (SR&ED) credits on qualified research and development costs incurred by our preclinical services facility in Canada in the performance of projects for non-Canadian clients. Additionally, in accordance with the tax law of the United Kingdom, we claim enhanced deductions related to qualified research and development costs incurred by our preclinical services facility in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the performance of certain client contracts.

During the fourth quarter of 2010, we took actions to divest our Phase 1 clinical business. We recorded in discontinued operations a deferred tax asset associated with the excess of the tax outside basis over the basis for financial reporting purposes of the Phase 1 clinical business. As of the fourth quarter of 2010, we determined that we did not meet the more-likely-than-not realization threshold for this deferred tax asset and we recorded a valuation allowance against it as part of discontinued operations. During the first quarter of 2011, we determined that the tax loss would more-likely-than-not be benefitted as a worthless stock deduction. As such, we released the valuation allowance recorded against the tax loss on the Phase 1 clinical business and recognized the benefit in continuing operations.

During the second quarter of 2012, our unrecognized tax benefits recorded increased by \$160 to \$28,880 primarily due to ongoing evaluation of uncertain tax positions in the current and prior periods and foreign exchange movement. The amount of unrecognized income tax benefits that would impact the effective tax rate favorably increased by \$100 to \$23,036, and the amount of accrued interest on unrecognized tax benefits increased by \$46 to \$1,545 in the second quarter of 2012.

We conduct business in a number of tax jurisdictions. As a result, we are subject to tax audits in jurisdictions including, but not limited to, the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, France, Germany and Canada. With few exceptions, we are no longer subject to U.S. and international income tax examinations for years before 2005.

We and certain of our subsidiaries are currently under audit by the Canadian Revenue Authority (CRA) and various state tax authorities. We do not believe that resolution of these controversies will have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations. During the second quarter of 2012, we concluded an audit by the Minister of Revenue Quebec provincial tax authority (MRQ) for an immaterial amount.

We are challenging the reassessments received by the CRA with respect to the SR&ED credits claimed in 2003 and 2004 by our Canadian preclinical services subsidiary in the Tax Court of Canada (TCC). Additionally, we filed Notices of

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Objection in response to Notices of Reassessment received from the MRQ with respect to our 2003 and 2004 claims for the Quebec Research and Development tax credits. We disagree with the positions taken by the CRA and MRQ with regard to the credits claimed. We believe that it is reasonably possible that we will conclude the controversies with respect to our 2003 and 2004 claims with the TCC and MRQ within the next twelve months. We do not believe that resolution of these controversies will have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

We believe we have appropriately provided for all uncertain tax positions.

In accordance with our policy, the undistributed earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries remain indefinitely reinvested as of the end of the second quarter of 2012 as they are required to fund needs outside the U.S. and cannot be repatriated in a manner that is substantially tax free.

The tax expense (benefit) related to items of other comprehensive income are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Tax expense (benefit) related to foreign currency translation adjustment	51	313	(38)	379
Tax expense related to change in unrecognized pension gains, losses and prior service costs	233	22	583	160
Income tax expense related to items of other comprehensive income	\$ 284	\$ 335	\$ 545	\$ 539

10. Employee Benefits

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost for our defined benefit plans for the three month period ended:

	Pension Benefits		Supplemental Retirement Benefits	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Service cost	\$ 979	\$ 755	\$ 160	\$ 159
Interest cost	2,810	3,018	223	300
Expected return on plan assets	(3,430)	(3,418)	—	—
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	(159)	(157)	165	125
Amortization of net loss (gain)	588	215	65	53
Net periodic benefit cost	788	413	613	637
Company contributions	\$ 2,323	\$ 2,428	\$ —	\$ —

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost for our defined benefit plans for the six month period ended:

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	Pension Benefits		Supplemental Retirement Benefits	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Service cost	1,958	1,521	320	318
Interest cost	5,621	6,040	446	600
Expected return on plan assets	(6,860)	(6,806)	—	—
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	(310)	(311)	330	250
Amortization of net loss (gain)	1,170	454	130	106
Net periodic benefit cost	1,579	898	1,226	1,274
Company contributions	\$ 8,008	\$ 6,019	\$ —	\$ —

During 2012, we expect to contribute \$13,868 to our pension plans.

**11. Stock Plans and Stock Based Compensation**

The estimated fair value of our stock-based awards, less expected forfeitures, is amortized over the awards' vesting period on a straight-line basis. The following table presents stock-based compensation included in our consolidated statement of income:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Stock-based compensation expense included in:				
Cost of sales	\$ 2,345	\$ 1,700	\$ 3,792	\$ 3,378
Selling and administration	2,976	3,730	6,794	7,970
Stock-based compensation, before income taxes	5,321	5,430	10,586	11,348
Provision for income taxes	(1,884)	(1,940)	(3,768)	(4,058)
Stock-based compensation, net of tax	\$ 3,437	\$ 3,490	\$ 6,818	\$ 7,290

The fair value of stock-based awards granted during the first six months of 2012 and 2011 was estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Expected life (in years)	4.5	4.2
Expected volatility	34.9%	33.4%
Risk-free interest rate	0.84%	2.22%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%
Weighted-average grant date fair value	\$ 10.94	\$ 11.35

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**Stock Options**

The following table summarizes stock option activities under our plans:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Options outstanding as of December 31, 2011	6,081,263	\$ 38.25		
Options granted	588,125	\$ 36.08		
Options exercised	(125,104)	\$ 24.96		
Options canceled	(119,712)	\$ 40.26		
Options outstanding as of June 30, 2012	6,424,572	\$ 38.27	3.50 years	\$ 8,671
Options exercisable as of June 30, 2012	4,421,703	\$ 39.80	2.65 years	\$ 6,049

As of June 30, 2012, the unrecognized compensation cost related to 2,002,869 unvested stock options expected to vest was \$16,906. This unrecognized compensation will be recognized over an estimated weighted-average amortization period of 30 months.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three months ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 was \$177 and \$4,583, respectively, with intrinsic value defined as the difference between the market price on the date of exercise and the grant date price. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 was \$1,308 and \$6,711, respectively. The total amount of cash received from the exercise of options during the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 was \$3,107 and \$12,713, respectively. The actual tax benefit realized for the tax deductions from option exercises during the six month ended June 30, 2012 was \$420. A charge of \$148 was recorded in capital in excess of par value in the first six months of 2012 for the excess of deferred tax assets over the actual tax benefits at option exercise. We settle stock option exercises with newly issued common shares.

**Restricted Stock**

Stock compensation expense associated with restricted common stock is charged for the market value on the date of grant, less estimated forfeitures, and is amortized over the awards' vesting period on a straight-line basis.

The following table summarizes the restricted stock activity for the six months ended June 30, 2012 :

	Restricted Stock	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding as of December 31, 2011	703,011	\$ 35.70
Granted	539,470	36.09
Vested	(283,812)	35.96
Canceled	(15,946)	35.45
Outstanding as of June 30, 2012	942,723	\$ 35.85

As of June 30, 2012, the unrecognized compensation cost related to shares of unvested restricted stock expected to vest was \$27,101. This unrecognized compensation will be recognized over an estimated weighted-average amortization period of 35 months. The total fair value of restricted stock grants that vested during the three and six month ended June 30, 2012 was \$813 and \$10,206, respectively. The total fair value of restricted stock grants that vested during the three and six month ended June 25, 2011 was \$861 and \$10,997, respectively. The actual tax benefit realized for the tax deductions from restricted stock grants that vested during the six months ending June 30, 2012 was \$3,662.

**Performance Based Stock Award Program**

Compensation expense associated with performance-based stock awards of \$0 and \$54 has been recorded during the

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three months ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, respectively.

**12. Commitments and Contingencies**

Various lawsuits, claims and proceedings of a nature considered normal to our business are pending against us. In the opinion of management, the outcome of such proceedings and litigation currently pending will not materially affect our consolidated financial statements.

On January 31, 2012, a putative class action, entitled *Irma Garcia v. Charles River Laboratories, Inc.*, was filed against us in the San Diego Superior Court, alleging various causes of action related to failure to make proper and timely payments to employees in California, failure to timely furnish accurate itemized wage statements, unfair business practices, associated penalties pursuant to California law, and declaratory relief. While no prediction may be made as to the outcome of litigation, we intend to defend against this proceeding vigorously and therefore an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss cannot be made.

**13. Business Segment Information**

We report two business segments: Research Models and Services (RMS) and Preclinical Services (PCS). Our RMS segment includes sales of research models, genetically engineered models and services (GEMS), insourcing solutions (IS), research animal diagnostic services (RADS), discovery research services (DRS), *in vitro* products, and avian vaccine products and services. Our PCS segment includes services required to take a drug through the development process, which include discovery research services (DRS), safety assessment and biopharmaceutical services.

The following table presents sales and other financial information by business segment.

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
<b>Research Models and Services</b>				
Net sales	\$ 173,611	\$ 178,163	\$ 356,763	\$ 351,534
Gross margin	76,266	78,307	158,462	152,146
Operating income	55,542	55,691	115,009	107,433
Depreciation and amortization	9,085	9,318	18,027	18,587
Capital expenditures	7,569	4,010	20,469	8,413
<b>Preclinical Services</b>				
Net sales	\$ 111,112	\$ 110,100	\$ 213,941	\$ 222,572
Gross margin	27,319	28,013	49,335	56,812
Operating income	10,809	7,875	14,983	17,181
Depreciation and amortization	10,980	12,498	22,040	24,494
Capital expenditures	1,872	2,650	3,084	5,037

A reconciliation of segment operating income to consolidated operating income is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Total segment operating income	\$ 66,351	\$ 63,566	\$ 129,992	\$ 124,614
Unallocated corporate overhead	(17,077)	(10,252)	(36,978)	(29,049)
Consolidated operating income	\$ 49,274	\$ 53,314	\$ 93,014	\$ 95,565

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Net sales for each significant service area are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Research models	\$ 87,119	\$ 90,190	\$ 181,140	\$ 183,590
Research model services	53,975	55,422	110,306	107,397
Other products	32,517	32,551	65,317	60,547
Research Models and Services	173,611	178,163	356,763	351,534
Preclinical Services	111,112	110,100	213,941	222,572
Total sales	<u>\$ 284,723</u>	<u>\$ 288,263</u>	<u>\$ 570,704</u>	<u>\$ 574,106</u>

A summary of unallocated corporate overhead consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Stock-based compensation expense	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,528	\$ 5,685	\$ 5,514
U.S. retirement plans	1,014	1,055	2,386	2,112
Audit, tax and related expense	637	505	1,291	1,260
Salary and bonus	4,866	4,642	9,789	9,335
Global IT	3,366	2,794	6,216	5,787
Employee health, long-term disability and fringe benefit expense	(1,140)	675	853	2,314
Consulting and professional services	778	2,201	2,520	3,532
Depreciation expense	1,570	1,593	3,139	3,174
Life insurance death benefit gain	—	(7,710)	—	(7,710)
Other general unallocated corporate expenses	3,086	1,969	5,099	3,731
Total unallocated corporate overhead costs	<u>\$ 17,077</u>	<u>\$ 10,252</u>	<u>\$ 36,978</u>	<u>\$ 29,049</u>

Other general unallocated corporate expenses consist of various departmental costs including those associated with departments such as senior executives, corporate accounting, legal, tax, human resources, treasury and investor relations.

#### 14. Discontinued Operations

On March 28, 2011, we disposed of our Phase I clinical business for a nominal amount. As part of the disposition we remained the guarantor of the Phase I facility lease. During the second quarter of 2011, we recognized the value of the guarantee net of the buyer's related indemnity as a liability of \$2,994, which we are accreting ratably over the remaining term of the lease. The facility lease runs through January 2021 with remaining lease payments totaling \$13,992 as of June 30, 2012.

The consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to segregate, as discontinued operations, the assets and liabilities, operating results and cash flows, of the businesses being discontinued for all periods presented. Operating results from discontinued operations are as follows:

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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 25, 2011
Net sales	\$ —	\$ 10	\$ —	\$ 2,122
Income (loss) from operations of discontinued businesses, before income taxes	69	(2,951)	172	(8,153)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	27	(1,219)	53	(2,476)
Income (loss) from operations of discontinued businesses, net of taxes	\$ 42	\$ (1,732)	\$ 119	\$ (5,677)

Assets and liabilities of discontinued operations at June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Current assets	\$ 107	\$ 107
Long-term assets	932	986
Total assets	\$ 1,039	\$ 1,093
Current liabilities	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,165
Long-term liabilities	2,381	2,522
Total liabilities	\$ 3,434	\$ 3,687

Current assets and non-current assets include a short-term and long-term deferred tax asset related to lease guarantee. Current and long-term liabilities consist of the carrying value of the lease guarantee and accrued expenses.



## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis will help you understand our financial condition and results of operations. The Management's Discussion and Analysis is a supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

### Overview

We are a leading global provider of solutions that advance the drug discovery and development process, including research models and associated services and outsourced preclinical services. We provide our products and services to global pharmaceutical companies and biotechnology companies, as well as government agencies, leading hospitals and academic institutions throughout the world in order to bring drugs to market faster and more efficiently. We have built upon our core competency of *in vivo* biology, including laboratory animal medicine and science (research model technologies) to develop a diverse portfolio of preclinical services - both GLP (Good Laboratory Practice) and non-GLP - which address drug discovery and development. Utilizing our broad portfolio of products and services enables our clients to create a more flexible drug development model which reduces their costs, enhances their productivity and effectiveness, and increase speed to market. We have been in business for 65 years and currently operate approximately 64 facilities in 15 countries worldwide.

For the last few years, large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies have been undergoing significant change as they endeavor to improve the productivity of their drug development pipelines, and at the same time, streamline their infrastructures in order to improve efficiency and reduce operating costs. Our clients' efforts have had an unfavorable impact on our operations as a result of: measured research and development spending by major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies; delays in customer decisions and commitments; tight cost constraints and the resultant pricing pressure, particularly in view of excess capacity in the contract research industry; a focus on late-stage clinical testing as customers accelerate their efforts to bring drugs to market in the face of expiration of patents on branded drugs; decreased funding for biopharmaceutical companies; and the impact of healthcare reform initiatives. In addition, consolidation in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry has affected demand for our products and services. All of these ongoing factors continue to contribute to demand uncertainty and are expected to impact future sales.

Our market for goods and services appears to continue to stabilize. As part of our clients' efforts to improve pipeline productivity, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies are emphasizing efficacy testing in order to eliminate therapies from the pipeline earlier in the drug development process. This trend is visible in increasing demand for our non-GLP *in vivo* pharmacology and drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics services. We continue to anticipate that our clients will reduce their internal capacity through closure of underutilized facilities and increase their use of these outsourced services in the future, because utilizing outsourced services enables them to create a flexible drug development model which improves operating efficiency and reduces costs. We believe that increased focus on strategic outsourcing by our clients should result in the expansion of strategic relationships with a reduced and limited number of partners, which will drive demand for our services. We believe that the long-term drivers for our business as a whole will primarily emerge from our clients' continued demand for research models and services and both GLP and non-GLP *in vivo* biology services, which are essential to the drug development process. However, presently it is challenging to predict the timing associated with these drivers.

We continue to focus on our four key initiatives designed to allow us to drive profitable growth and to maximize value for shareholders, and thus better position ourselves to operate successfully in the current and future business environment. These four initiatives are:

- *Improving the consolidated operating margin.* We continue to aggressively manage our cost structure and drive operating efficiencies, which are expected to generate improvement in our operating margins. We have already implemented significant actions to reduce costs during the last two years to manage challenging industry-wide preclinical market conditions. During the first half of 2012, we continued to selectively adjust our cost structure by headcount reductions and other cost initiatives.
- *Improving free cash flow generation.* We believe we have adequate capacity to support revenue growth in both business segments without significant additional investment for expansion. Capital expenditures were \$23.6 million in the first half of 2012 and we expect capital expenditures to be approximately \$50.0 million for this year.
- *Disciplined investment in growth businesses.* We continue to maintain a disciplined focus on deployment of capital, investing in those areas of our existing business which will generate the greatest sales growth and profitability, such as Genetically Engineered Models and Services (GEMS), Research Animal Diagnostic Services (RADS), Discovery Research Services (DRS) and *In Vitro* products.
- *Returning value to shareholders.* We are repurchasing our stock with the intent to drive immediate shareholder

value and earnings per share accretion. During the second quarter of 2012 and 2011, we repurchased 0.9 million and 8.4 million shares, respectively. Our weighted average shares outstanding for the second quarter of 2012 has decreased to 48.4 million shares from 51.7 million shares for the second quarter of 2011 .

Total net sales during the the second quarter of 2012 were \$284.7 million, a decrease of 1.2% over the same period last year. The sales decrease was due primarily to the effect of foreign currency translation which had a negative impact on sales of 3.1%. On a segment basis, sales increased in the Preclinical Services (PCS) segment, but declined in the Research Models and Services (RMS) segment due to foreign currency translation. Our gross margin decreased to 36.4% of net sales for the second quarter of 2012 compared to 36.9% of net sales for the second quarter of 2011. Our operating income was \$49.3 million for the second quarter of 2012 compared to operating income of \$53.3 million for the second quarter of 2011, a decrease of 7.5% due primarily to a prior year insurance gain of \$7.7 million, unfavorable foreign exchange and lower gross margin partially offset by an insurance settlement related to last year's disaster on Japan operations. Operating margin was 17.3% for the second quarter of 2012, compared to 18.5% for the second quarter of 2011.

Our net income attributable to common shareholders was \$30.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2012 compared to \$32.3 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011. Diluted earnings per share for the second quarter of 2012 was \$0.63 compared to diluted earnings per share of \$0.63 for the second quarter of 2011.

Total net sales during the the six months ended June 30, 2012 were \$570.7 million, a decrease of 0.6% over the same period last year. The sales decrease was due primarily to the effect of foreign currency translation which had a negative impact on sales of 2.0%. Our gross margin was flat at 36.4% of net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to the six months ended June 25, 2011. Our operating income was \$93.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to operating income of \$95.6 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011, a decrease of 2.7% due to prior year insurance gain of \$7.7 million. Operating margin was 16.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2012, compared to 16.7% for the six months ended June 25, 2011.

Our net income attributable to common shareholders was \$56.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to \$63.7 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011. Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$1.17 compared to diluted earnings per share of \$1.17 for the six months ended June 25, 2011.

We report two segments: Research Models and Services (RMS) and Preclinical Services (PCS), which reflects the manner in which our operating units are managed.

Our RMS segment, which represented 61.0% of net sales in the second quarter of 2012, includes three categories: production of research models, Research Model Services, and Other Products. Research Model Services include four business units: Genetically Engineered Models and Services (GEMS), Research Animal Diagnostics (RADS), Discovery Services (DS), and Insourcing Solutions (IS). Other Products includes our *In Vitro* business and avian vaccine services. Net sales for the RMS segment decreased 2.6% compared to the second quarter of 2011, primarily driven by the effect of foreign currency translation which had a negative impact on sales of 3.8%. Gross margin percentage was relatively unchanged at 43.9% compared to 44.0% in the prior year. Operating margin percentage increased slightly to 32.0% from 31.3% due mainly to an insurance settlement related to our Japan operations.

Our PCS segment, which represented 39.0% of net sales in the second quarter of 2012, includes services required to take a drug through the development process including discovery support, safety assessment and biopharmaceutical services. Sales for this segment increased 0.9% from the second quarter of 2011 due to stronger sales driven by increased demand for non-GLP discovery services partially offset by the impact of foreign currency translation which reduced the sales growth rate by 2.1%. We experienced a decrease in the PCS gross margin to 24.6% from 25.4% in the second quarter of 2011 primarily attributable to the transfer of client protocols under the expanded preferred provider agreement. Operating margin for the second quarter of 2012 was 9.7% , compared to 7.2% in the second quarter of 2011, due mainly to lower amortization expense partially offset by lower gross margin.

### **Three Months Ended June 30, 2012 Compared to the Three Months Ended June 25, 2011**

**Net Sales.** Net sales for the three months ended June 30, 2012 were \$284.7 million, a decrease of \$3.6 million, or 1.2%, from \$288.3 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011 due primarily to unfavorable foreign currency translation of 3.1%.

**Research Models and Services.** For the three months ended June 30, 2012, net sales for our RMS segment were \$173.6 million, a decrease of \$4.6 million, or 2.6%, from \$178.2 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011, due

primarily to the effect of unfavorable foreign currency translation which decreased sales by 3.8%.

*Preclinical Services.* For the three months ended June 30, 2012, net sales for our PCS segment were \$111.1 million, an increase of \$1.0 million, or 0.9%, from \$110.1 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011. The sales increase was driven by increased sales driven by increased demand for non-GLP discovery services partially offset by unfavorable foreign currency translation of 2.1%.

*Cost of Products Sold and Services Provided.* Cost of products sold and services provided during the second quarter of 2012 was \$181.1 million, a decrease of \$0.8 million, or 0.4%, from \$181.9 million during the second quarter of 2011. Cost of products sold and services provided during the three months ended June 30, 2012 was 63.6% of net sales, compared to 63.1% during the three months ended June 25, 2011.

*Research Models and Services.* Cost of products sold and services provided for RMS during the second quarter of 2012 was \$97.3 million, a decrease of \$2.6 million, or 2.5%, compared to \$99.9 million in 2011. Cost of products sold and services provided for the three months ended June 30, 2012 was essentially flat at 56.1% of net sales compared to 56.0% of net sales for 2011.

*Preclinical Services.* Cost of services provided for the PCS segment in the second quarter of 2012 was \$83.8 million, an increase of \$1.7 million, compared to \$82.1 million in the second quarter of 2011. Cost of services provided as a percentage of net sales was 75.4% during the three months ended June 30, 2012, compared to 74.6% for the three months ended June 25, 2011. The increase in cost of services provided as a percentage of net sales was primarily attributable to the transfer of client protocols under an expanded preferred provider agreement with a global pharmaceutical client.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2012 were \$49.9 million, an increase of \$2.7 million, or 5.7%, from \$47.2 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses in the second quarter of 2012 were 17.5% of net sales compared to 16.4% for the second quarter of 2011.

*Research Models and Services.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for RMS for the second quarter of 2012 were \$19.3 million, a decrease of \$1.6 million, or 7.8%, compared to \$20.9 million in 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased as a percentage of sales to 11.1% for the three months ended June 30, 2012 from 11.7% for the three months ended June 25, 2011 due mainly to an insurance settlement related to our Japan operations.

*Preclinical Services.* Selling, general and administrative expenses for the PCS segment for the second quarter of 2012 were \$13.5 million, an decrease of \$2.5 million, or 15.6%, compared to \$16.0 million during the second quarter of 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2012 decreased to 12.2% of net sales, compared to 14.6% of net sales for the three months ended June 25, 2011, due mainly to cost savings actions and expense control.

*Unallocated Corporate Overhead.* Unallocated corporate overhead, which consists of various costs primarily associated with activities centered at our corporate headquarters, such as compensation (including stock-based compensation), information systems, compliance and facilities expenses associated with our corporate, administration and professional services functions, was \$17.1 million during the three months ended June 30, 2012, compared to \$10.3 million during the three months ended June 25, 2011. The increase was primarily due to a prior year insurance gain of \$7.7 million.

*Amortization of Other Intangibles.* Amortization of other intangibles for the three months ended June 30, 2012 was \$4.4 million, a decrease of \$1.4, from \$5.8 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011. Amortization expense decreased as a percentage of sales to 1.5% for the three months ended June 30, 2012, from 2.0% for the three months ended June 25, 2011.

*Research Models and Services.* In the second quarter of 2012, amortization of other intangibles for our RMS segment was \$1.4 million, a decrease of \$0.3 million from \$1.7 million in the second quarter of 2011.

*Preclinical Services.* For the three months ended June 30, 2012, amortization of other intangibles for our PCS segment was \$3.0 million, a decrease of \$1.1 million from \$4.1 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011.

*Operating Income.* Operating income for the three months ended June 30, 2012 was \$49.3 million, a decrease of \$4.0 million compared to operating income of \$53.3 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011. Operating income as a percentage of net sales for the three months ended June 30, 2012 was 17.3% compared to 18.5% for the three months ended June 25, 2011.

*Research Models and Services.* For the three months ended June 30, 2012, operating income for our RMS segment was \$55.5 million, a decrease of \$0.2 million, or 0.3%, from \$55.7 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011. Operating income as a percentage of net sales for the three months ended June 30, 2012 was 32.0%, compared to 31.3% for the three months ended June 25, 2011. The increase in operating income as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to an insurance settlement related to our Japan operations.

*Preclinical Services.* For the the three months ended June 30, 2012, operating income for our PCS segment was \$10.8 million, an increase of \$2.9 million compared to \$7.9 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011. Operating income as a percentage of net sales declined to 9.7% compared to 7.2% of net sales in the three months ended June 25, 2011. The increase in operating income as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to increased sales and the lower amortization expense.

*Unallocated Corporate Overhead.* Unallocated corporate overhead was \$17.1 million during the three months ended June 30, 2012, compared to \$10.3 million during the three months ended June 25, 2011. The increase was primarily due to the one-time effect of a prior year insurance gain of \$7.7 million.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense for the second quarter of 2012 was \$8.1 million, compared to \$10.7 million for the second quarter of 2011. The decrease was due mainly to decreased debt balances and lower interest rates.

*Interest Income.* Interest income for the second quarter of 2012 was \$0.2 million, compared to \$0.6 million for the second quarter of 2011 due to lower cash balances and lower interest rates on invested funds.

*Income Taxes.* Income tax expense for the three months ended June 30, 2012 was \$9.5 million, an increase of \$0.9 million compared to income tax expense of \$8.6 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011. Our effective tax rate was 23.6% for the three months ended June 30, 2012 compared to 20.2% for the three months ended June 25, 2011. The increase of 3.4% in the effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2012 was primarily attributable to the receipt of a \$7.7 million tax exempt gain on the settlement of a life insurance policy recorded in the second quarter of 2011. Additionally, there was an increase in the tax rate in three months ended June 30, 2012 due to a decline in research and development tax benefits.

*Net Income Attributable to Common Shareowners.* Net income attributable to common shareowners for the three months ended June 30, 2012 was \$30.5 million compared to \$32.3 million for the three months ended June 25, 2011.

#### **Six Months Ended June 30, 2012 Compared to the Six Months Ended June 25, 2011**

*Net Sales.* Net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2012 were \$570.7 million, a decrease of \$3.4 million, or 0.6%, from \$574.1 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011, due primarily to increased RMS sales partially offset by lower PCS sales. The effect of unfavorable foreign currency translation was 2.0% .

*Research Models and Services.* For the six months ended June 30, 2012, net sales for our RMS segment were \$356.8 million, an increase of \$5.3 million, or 1.5%, from \$351.5 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011, due primarily to higher Other Product sales, which include our Avian and In Vitro businesses, as well as Research Model Services. The effect of unfavorable foreign currency translation decreased sales by 2.3%.

*Preclinical Services.* For the six months ended June 30, 2012, net sales for our PCS segment were \$213.9 million, a decrease of \$8.7 million, or 3.9%, from \$222.6 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011. The sales decrease was driven by unfavorable sales mix with a greater proportion of non-GLP discovery services as well as lower sales of biopharmaceutical services combined with unfavorable foreign currency translation of 1.5%.

*Cost of Products Sold and Services Provided.* Cost of products sold and services provided during the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$362.9 million, a decrease of \$2.2 million, or 0.6%, from \$365.1 million during the six months ended June 25, 2011. Cost of products sold and services provided during the six months ended June 30, 2012 was flat at 63.6% of net sales, compared to 63.6% during the six months ended June 25, 2011.

*Research Models and Services.* Cost of products sold and services provided for RMS during the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$198.3 million, a decrease of \$1.1 million, or 0.5%, compared to \$199.4 million in 2011. Cost of products sold and services provided for the six months ended June 30, 2012 decreased to 55.6% of net sales compared to 56.7% of net sales for 2011. The decrease in cost as a percentage of sales was primarily due to the impact of sales and our cost savings actions.

*Preclinical Services.* Cost of services provided for the PCS segment during the six months ended June 30, 2012 was

\$164.6 million, a decrease of \$1.2 million, compared to \$165.8 million during the six months ended June 25, 2011. Cost of services provided as a percentage of net sales was 76.9% during the six months ended June 30, 2012, compared to 74.5% for the six months ended June 25, 2011. The increase in cost of services provided as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to the impact of lower sales on our fixed cost base and the transfer of client protocols under an expanded preferred provider agreement with a global pharmaceutical client.

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.** Selling, general and administrative expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2012 were \$105.9 million, an increase of \$3.7 million, or 3.6%, from \$102.2 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses the six months ended June 30, 2012 were 18.6% of net sales compared to 17.8% for the six months ended June 25, 2011.

**Research Models and Services.** Selling, general and administrative expenses for RMS for the six months ended June 30, 2012 were \$40.5 million, a decrease of 0.8 million, or 1.9%, compared to \$41.3 million in the six months ended June 25, 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased as a percentage of sales to 11.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2012 from 11.8% for the six months ended June 25, 2011. The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percent of sales was primarily due to cost savings actions and an insurance settlement related to our Japan operations.

**Preclinical Services.** Selling, general and administrative expenses for the PCS segment for the six months ended June 30, 2012 were \$28.4 million, a decrease of \$3.5 million, or 10.9%, compared to \$31.9 million during the six months ended June 25, 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2012 decreased to 13.3% of net sales, compared to 14.3% of net sales for the six months ended June 25, 2011, due mainly to cost savings actions and expense control.

**Unallocated Corporate Overhead.** Unallocated corporate overhead, which consists of various costs primarily associated with activities centered at our corporate headquarters, such as compensation (including stock-based compensation), information systems, compliance and facilities expenses associated with our corporate, administration and professional services functions, was \$37.0 million during the six months ended June 30, 2012, compared to \$29.0 million during the six months ended June 25, 2011. The increase was primarily due to the one-time effect of a prior year insurance gain of \$7.7 million.

**Amortization of Other Intangibles.** Amortization of other intangibles for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$8.9 million, a decrease of \$2.3 million, from \$11.2 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011. Amortization expense decreased as a percentage of sales to 1.6% for the six months ended June 30, 2012, from 1.9% for the six months ended June 25, 2011.

**Research Models and Services.** In the six months ended June 30, 2012, amortization of other intangibles for our RMS segment was \$2.9 million, a decrease of \$0.5 million from \$3.4 million in the six months ended June 25, 2011.

**Preclinical Services.** For the six months ended June 30, 2012, amortization of other intangibles for our PCS segment was \$6.0 million, a decrease of \$1.8 million from \$7.8 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011.

**Operating Income.** Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$93.0 million, a decrease of \$2.6 million compared to operating income of \$95.6 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011. Operating income as a percentage of net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was 16.3% compared to 16.6% for the six months ended June 25, 2011.

**Research Models and Services.** For the six months ended June 30, 2012, operating income for our RMS segment was \$115.0 million, an increase of \$7.6 million, or 7.1%, from \$107.4 million in the six months ended June 25, 2011. Operating income as a percentage of net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was 32.2%, compared to 30.6% for the six months ended June 25, 2011. The increase in operating income as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to higher sales and cost-savings actions.

**Preclinical Services.** For the the six months ended June 30, 2012, operating income for our PCS segment was \$15.0 million, a decrease of \$2.2 million compared to \$17.2 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011. Operating income as a percentage of net sales declined to 7.0% compared to 7.7% of net sales in the six months ended June 25, 2011. The decrease in operating income as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to lower sales partially offset by cost-savings actions

**Unallocated Corporate Overhead.** Unallocated corporate overhead was \$37.0 million during the six months ended June 30, 2012, compared to \$29.0 million during the six months ended June 25, 2011. The increase was primarily due to prior year insurance gain of \$7.7 million.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$16.5 million, compared to \$20.7 million in the six months ended June 25, 2011. The decrease was due mainly to decreased debt balances and lower interest rates.

**Interest Income.** Interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$0.3 million, compared to \$0.9 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011 due to lower cash balances and lower interest rates on invested funds.

**Income Taxes.** Income tax expense for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$18.1 million, an increase of \$12.2 million compared to income tax expense of \$5.9 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011. Our effective tax rate was 24.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to 7.9% for the six months ended June 25, 2011. The increase in the effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was primarily due to an \$11.1 million tax benefit recorded in the first quarter of 2011 associated with a tax loss incurred with the disposition of our Phase I clinical business and the receipt of a \$7.7 million tax exempt gain on the settlement of a life insurance policy recorded in the second quarter of 2011. Additionally, there was an increase in the tax rate in the first six months of 2012 primarily due to an unbenefitted capital loss of \$0.7 million on the sale of our auction rate securities and a decline in research and development tax benefits.

**Net Income Attributable to Common Shareowners.** Net income attributable to common shareowners for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was \$56.9 million compared to \$63.7 million for the six months ended June 25, 2011.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following discussion analyzes liquidity and capital resources by operating, investing and financing activities as presented in our consolidated statements of cash flows.

Our principal sources of liquidity have been our cash flow from operations, our marketable securities and our revolving line of credit arrangements.

Our credit agreement dated September 23, 2011 provides for a \$299.8 million term loan, a €69.4 million Euro term loan and a \$350.0 million revolving credit facility. The term loan facility matures in 20 quarterly installments with the last installment due September 23, 2016. The \$350 million revolving facility also matures on September 23, 2016 and requires no scheduled payment before that date. The book value of our term and revolving loans approximates fair value.

The credit agreement includes certain customary representations and warranties, events of default, notices of material adverse changes to our business and negative and affirmative covenants. As of June 30, 2012, we were compliant with all financial covenants specified in the credit agreement. We had \$4.3 million outstanding under letters of credit as of June 30, 2012.

Our debt also includes \$350.0 million of 2.25% Senior Convertible Debentures (2013 Notes) due June 2013. At June 30, 2012, the fair value of our outstanding 2013 Notes was approximately \$350.9 million based on their quoted market value and no conversion triggers were met. Upon maturity, we will settle the principal balance of the 2013 Notes in cash and any additional amount due to the conversion feature in cash or shares. We intend to utilize the existing capacity of our credit agreement, our existing cash and marketable securities as well as evaluate other financing alternatives to meet the cash requirement at maturity in June 2013. We classified \$234.9 million of our 2013 Notes as long term debt, which represents the amount we expect to settle by utilizing the existing capacity to be available on our current revolving credit facility when the 2013 Notes mature.

In accordance with our policy, the undistributed earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries remain indefinitely reinvested as of the end of the second quarter of 2012 as they are required to fund needs outside the U.S. and cannot be repatriated in a manner that is substantially tax free.

For the six month ended June 30, 2012, we repurchased 889,791 shares of common stock for \$30.8 million primarily through open market purchases made in reliance on Rule 10b5-1 and 10b-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The timing and amount of any future repurchases will depend on market conditions and corporate considerations.

As of June 30, 2012, we had \$6.6 million in time deposits classified as marketable securities. During the six month period ended June 30, 2012, we sold our auction rate securities for \$11.3 million in cash and recorded a realized loss of \$0.7 million, which is included in other income (expense). The June 30, 2012 balance of marketable securities was comprised of \$6.6 million held by non-U.S. subsidiaries.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$76.1 million at June 30, 2012, compared to \$68.9 million at December 31, 2011. At

June 30, 2012, the \$76.1 million of cash and cash equivalents was comprised of \$9.6 million held in the United States and \$66.5 million held by non-U.S. subsidiaries. At December 31, 2011, the \$68.9 million was comprised of \$0.4 million held in the United States and \$68.5 million held by non-U.S. subsidiaries. We are a net borrower and closely manage our cash to keep balances low. We were able to maintain liquidity by having the ability to borrow on our revolving line of credit.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the six months ending June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 was \$82.6 million and \$86.7 million, respectively. The decrease in cash provided by operations was primarily due to income taxes. The tax benefit related to the disposition of our Phase I clinical business, which increased net income in 2011, will be realized in cash in the future. Our days sales outstanding (DSO) remained flat at 48 days as of June 30, 2012, compared to December 31, 2011 but decreased from 50 days as of June 25, 2011. Our DSO includes deferred revenue as an offset to accounts receivable in the calculation. Our net cash provided by operating activities will be impacted by future timing of client payments for products and services as evidenced in our DSO. A one-day increase or decrease in our DSO represents a change of approximately \$3.1 million of cash provided by operating activities. Our allowance for doubtful accounts was \$4.0 million as of June 30, 2012, compared to \$4.0 million as of December 31, 2011.

Net cash used in investing activities for the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 was \$8.6 million and \$7.9 million, respectively. Our capital expenditures during the first half of 2012 were \$23.6 million, of which \$20.5 million was related to RMS and \$3.1 million to PCS. For 2012, we project capital expenditures to be approximately \$50.0 million. We anticipate that future capital expenditures will be funded by operating activities, marketable securities and existing credit facilities. For the six months ending June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, we sold \$21.4 million and \$19.9 million of marketable securities, respectively.

Net cash used in financing activities for the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011 was \$65.5 million and \$109.6 million, respectively. Proceeds from long-term debt were \$38.1 million and \$150.8 million for the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, respectively. Payments on long-term debt and revolving credit agreements were \$76.4 million and \$82.0 million for the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, respectively. For the six month ended June 30, 2012 and June 25, 2011, we paid \$30.8 million and \$191.1 million, respectively, for the purchase of treasury stock acquired through open market purchases and the accelerated share repurchase program in 2011.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The conversion features of our 2013 Notes are equity-linked derivatives. As such, we recognize these instruments as off-balance sheet arrangements. Because the conversion features associated with these notes are indexed to our common stock and classified in stockholders' equity, these instruments are not accounted for as derivatives.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2011, the FASB issued an accounting standard update to require disclosure of information about fair value measurements. This amendment was effective for us on January 1, 2012 and was applied prospectively.

In June 2011, the FASB issued an accounting standard update that increases the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income, eliminates the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity, and requires that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. We elected the two-statement approach, where the first statement presents total net income and its components, followed consecutively by a second statement that presents total other comprehensive income, the components of other comprehensive income, net of tax effects, and total of comprehensive income. This amendment was effective for us on January 1, 2012 and was applied retrospectively.

In September 2011, the FASB issued an accounting standard update related to the goodwill impairment test. The revised standard is intended to reduce the cost and complexity of the annual goodwill impairment test by providing companies with the option of performing a qualitative assessment to determine whether future impairment testing is necessary. The revised standard was effective for us on January 1, 2012 and will be applied prospectively.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

Certain of our financial instruments are subject to market risks, including interest rate risk and foreign currency exchange rates. We generally do not use financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

We entered into our amended credit agreement on September 23, 2011. Our primary interest rate exposure results from changes in LIBOR or the base rates which are used to determine the applicable interest rates under our term loans and revolving credit facility in the credit agreement.

Our potential additional interest expense over one year that would result from a hypothetical, instantaneous and unfavorable change of 100 basis points in the interest rate would be approximately \$6.7 million on a pre-tax basis. The book value of our debt approximates fair value.

We issued \$350.0 million of the 2013 Notes in a private placement in the second quarter of 2006. The 2013 Notes bear an interest rate of 2.25%. The fair market value of the outstanding notes was approximately \$350.9 million on June 30, 2012.

#### **Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk**

We operate on a global basis and have exposure to some foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations for our earnings and cash flows. This risk is mitigated by the fact that various foreign operations are principally conducted in their respective local currencies. A portion of the revenue from our foreign operations is denominated in U.S. dollars, with the costs accounted for in their local currencies. Additionally, we have exposure on certain intercompany loans. We attempt to minimize this exposure by using certain financial instruments, for purposes other than trading, in accordance with our overall risk management and our hedge policy. In accordance with our hedge policy, we designate such transactions as hedges.

During the first six months of 2012, we utilized foreign exchange contracts, principally to hedge the impact of currency fluctuations on client transactions and certain balance sheet items, including intercompany loans. The foreign currency contract outstanding as of June 30, 2012 is a non-designated hedge, and is marked to market with changes in fair value recorded to other income (expense).

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### **(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Based on their evaluation, required by paragraph (b) of Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15, promulgated by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act are effective, at a reasonable assurance level, as of June 30, 2012 to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurances of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in designing and evaluating the controls and procedures. We continually are in the process of further reviewing and documenting our disclosure controls and procedures, and our internal control over financial reporting, and accordingly may from time to time make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness and to ensure that our systems evolve with our business.



**(b) Changes in Internal Controls**

There were no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) of the Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 that occurred during the quarter ended June 30, 2012 that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II**

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. There have been no material changes to the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

The following table provides information relating to the our purchases of shares of our common stock during the quarter ended June 30, 2012.

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
April 1, 2012 to April 28, 2012	5,724	\$ 34.95	5,724	\$ 103,558
April 29, 2012 to May 26, 2012	253,897	\$ 33.70	252,935	\$ 95,003
May 27, 2012 to June 30, 2012	199,827	\$ 32.75	199,827	\$ 88,458
Total:	459,448		458,486	

On July 29, 2010, our Board of Directors authorized a \$500.0 million stock repurchase program. Our Board of Directors increased the stock repurchase authorization by \$250.0 million to \$750.0 million on October 20, 2010.

During the second quarter of 2012, we repurchased 458,486 shares of common stock for \$15.3 million under our Rule 10b5-1 and 10b5-18 Purchase Plan and in open market trading.

Additionally, the Company's Incentive Plans permit the netting of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock awards in order to satisfy individual tax withholding requirements. Accordingly, during the quarter ended June 30, 2012, we acquired 962 shares for a nominal amount as a result of such withholdings.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

**(a) Exhibits**

10.1 Charles River Laboratories Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan amended December 2, 2008, July 20, 2011, October 27, 2011 and July 17, 2012. Filed herewith.

31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer. Filed herewith.

31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer. Filed herewith.

32.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer and the Principal Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) of 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act. Filed herewith.

101 The following materials from the Form 10-Q for the year period ended June 30, 2012 formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iv) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity, (v) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) related notes to these Unaudited, Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

August 7, 2012

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

/s/ JAMES C. FOSTER

James C. Foster

*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*

August 7, 2012

/s/ THOMAS F. ACKERMAN

Thomas F. Ackerman

*Corporate Executive Vice President and*

*Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer*

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002  
AND RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

I, James C. Foster, Chief Executive Officer of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the registrant) certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 of the registrant;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ James C. Foster

James C. Foster  
*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Dated: August 7, 2012

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002  
AND RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

I, Thomas F. Ackerman, Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the registrant) certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 of the registrant;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Thomas F. Ackerman

Thomas F. Ackerman  
*Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer*  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Dated: August 7, 2012

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the "Company") as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, James C. Foster, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, and Thomas F. Ackerman, Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, to the best of his knowledge and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ James C. Foster

James C. Foster  
*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Dated: August 7, 2012

/s/ Thomas F. Ackerman

Thomas F. Ackerman  
*Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer*  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Dated: August 7, 2012

This certification shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.



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## AMENDED AND RESTATED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN DOCUMENT

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*February 8, 2006 (Amended December 2, 2008, July 20, 2011, October 27, 2011 and July 17, 2012)*

### ARTICLE 1. INTRODUCTION

Charles River Laboratories hereby establishes the Charles River Laboratories Deferred Compensation Plan effective as of January 1, 2006. The Company has established the Plan to attract, retain and motivate certain of its key employees, as well as those of its subsidiaries and affiliates, by providing them with the opportunity to defer receipt of compensation and achieve resulting tax efficiencies. The Plan is intended to be “a plan which is unfunded and is maintained by an employer primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees” within the meaning of sections 201(2), 301(a)(3), 401(a)(1) of ERISA and is also intended to be compliant with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. The Plan shall be administered in a manner consistent with those intents.

### ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

As used herein, the masculine pronoun shall include the feminine, and the singular shall include the plural, and the plural, the singular, and the following terms shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context.

“**Account**” means a Plan account for a Participant established pursuant to Section 7.1, which may pass to a Beneficiary pursuant to Article 9. Each Participant may have more than one Account.

“**Annual Interest Equivalent Factor**” means the annual interest rate, declared annually by the Company, applied to Deferrals allocated to the fixed rate fund in accordance with Article 6.

“**Annual Employer Contribution**” means an amount for each Schedule B Participant equal to 10% of the sum of such Participant’s (i) base salary plus (ii) target annual bonus or, if lower, actual bonus, in each case in respect of the applicable year.

“**Annual Schedule A Incremental Amount**” for any year shall be an amount for each Schedule A Participant equal to the amount by which the Company would have been required to increase its actuarial liability (vested Projected Benefit Obligation) on its balance sheet for such year in respect of such Participant’s ESLIRP benefit, determined in accordance with GAAP as if the retirement income portion of the ESLIRP were still in existence. Such calculation shall be determined using the actuarial assumptions specified by Section 417(e)(3)(A) of the Code, and in the case of the interest rate specified under subparagraph (ii)(II) of such section, using such rate established for the month of November of the year preceding the year to which the liability increase and contribution relate.

“**Beneficiary**” means a beneficiary designated in accordance with Article 9.

“**Bonus Plan**” means the annual incentive program used to determine the bonus amounts payable to executives of the Company.

“**Change of Control**” means any one of the following: (i) the closing of the sale of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets as an entirety to any person or related group of persons; (ii) the merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another corporation or the merger or consolidation of another corporation with or into the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, in either case with the effect that immediately after such transaction the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to such transaction represent less than a majority in interest of the total voting power of the outstanding voting securities of the entity surviving such merger or consolidation; or (iii) the closing of a transaction pursuant to which beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the Company’s outstanding Common Stock (assuming the issuance of Common Stock upon conversion or

exercise of all then exercisable conversion or purchase rights of holders of outstanding convertible securities, options, warrants, exchange rights and other rights to acquire Common Stock) is transferred to a single person or entity, or a “group” (within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of persons or entities, in a single transaction or a series or related transactions. It shall be treated as a Change in Control hereunder if any of the events described in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) occur to Charles River Laboratories Inc., or to International, or to any other company directly or indirectly controlling either Company at the time of any such transaction.

“**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“**Committee**” means the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, or any successor committee.

“**Company**” means International and Charles River Laboratories, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of International, unless otherwise specifically stated or required by context.

“**Deferrals**” means compensation credited to a Participant’s Account during a calendar year as a result of a Participant’s elections pursuant to Section 5.2, plus Company contributions pursuant to Section 5.3, if any, plus, except where the context otherwise requires, amounts attributable (i.e., credited notional interest) to amounts previously deferred.

“**Distribution Date**” is defined in Section 8.2.

“**ERISA**” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

“**ESLIRP**” means the Executive Supplemental Life Insurance and Retirement Income Plan established in 1973 and from time to time amended.

“**401(k) Savings Plan**” means the qualified 401(k) savings plan offered by the Company to employees meeting the proper age and service requirements.

“**Initial ESLIRP Conversion Amount**” means, for each Schedule A Participant, the amount determined by the Company to be the value of the Participant’s ESLIRP accrued benefit as of the end of the year prior to the year in which such Participant’s participation in the Plan commenced.

“**International**” means Charles River Laboratories International, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

“**Measurement Funds**” means the funds selected by the Committee to be used as the measure of investment return on an Account, or portion thereof, when elected by a Participant in accordance with Article 6. The fixed rate fund shall be considered a Measurement Fund for purposes hereof unless specifically otherwise required by context.

“**Participant**” means an executive who becomes eligible to participate in the Plan and who elects to participate in the Plan or is designated to receive Annual Employer Contributions, in accordance with Article 4.

“**Plan**” means the Charles River Laboratories Deferred Compensation Plan as set forth herein and in all subsequent amendments hereto.

“**Pre-retirement Account**” means an Account the distribution schedule for which is established by the Participant under Section 8.2 at the time such Account is opened.

“**Retirement Account**” means an Account the distribution schedule for which is established by the Participant under Section 8.1(a)(1) or 8.1(a)(2) at the time such Account is opened.

“**Schedule A Participant**” means each Participant designated by the Company from time to time as a Schedule A Participant.

“**Schedule B Participant**” means each Participant designated by the Company from time to time as a Schedule B Participant.

“**Trust**” means any trust established under any Trust Agreement.

“**Trust Agreement**” means one or more of the trust agreement(s) entered into by the Company, if any, to hold assets to be used to defray the Company’s expenses of operating the Plan.

“**Trustee**” means a Trustee of any Trust.

### ARTICLE 3. ADMINISTRATION

**Committee.** The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. The Committee shall have full discretionary authority to interpret the provisions of the Plan and decide all questions and settle all disputes which may arise in connection with the Plan, and may establish its own operative and administrative rules and procedures in connection therewith, provided that any such procedures



relating to claims are consistent with the requirements of section 503 of ERISA and the regulations thereunder. All interpretations, decisions and determinations made by the Committee shall be binding on all persons concerned. No member of the Committee who is a Participant in the Plan may vote or otherwise participate in any decision or act with respect to a matter relating solely to himself (or to his Beneficiaries).

**Delegation by Committee.** Except as the Committee may otherwise provide by written resolution, the Committee’s duties and responsibilities under Section 3 (except for the duty to establish eligibility criteria under Article 4) shall be delegated to the Vice President, Human Resources, who may further delegate certain of such duties and responsibilities to other members of management of the Company. For purposes of the Plan, any action taken by any such delegate pursuant to such delegation shall be considered to have been taken by the Committee. In addition, except as the Committee may otherwise provide by written resolution, the Committee’s duties and responsibilities under Section 3 shall be delegated (on a shared basis) to the Investment Committee of the Company; provided, however, that material changes to this Plan pursuant to Section 14 will require approval of the Committee.

**Indemnification.** The Company agrees to indemnify and to defend to the fullest possible extent permitted by law any member of the Committee and any delegate (including any person who formerly served as a member of the Committee or as a delegate) against all liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including attorneys’ fees and amounts paid in settlement of any claims approved by the Company) occasioned by any act or omission to act in connection with the Plan, if such act or omission is in good faith.

#### ARTICLE 4. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

The Committee shall select, or shall establish the applicable criteria for determining, the employees of the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates who are eligible to participate in the Plan. When an executive has been selected to participate in the Plan, he will be notified by the Committee and given the opportunity to elect to defer compensation under the Plan. An executive who makes such an election and/or is designated as eligible to receive contributions pursuant to Section 5.3 is hereinafter referred to as a “Participant.”

#### ARTICLE 5. DEFERRAL OF COMPENSATION

**Deferral Opportunity.** From time to time the Committee shall establish the extent to which (if any) base salary or bonuses under one or more incentive bonus programs may be deferred under the Plan. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee, the following table identifies the types of compensation permitted to be deferred under the Plan with corresponding maximum deferral percentages:

Types of Compensation (Net of Employment Taxes)	Maximum Deferral
Annual Salary	0.5
Annual Bonus	1.0
“Sign-on” Bonus	1.0

Deferral elections shall apply in all cases to compensation amounts after reduction thereof for any applicable employment and withholding taxes.

**Deferral Elections.** For each calendar year, a Participant may irrevocably elect, in accordance with this Article and Article 8, to defer receipt of all or part of the compensation designated pursuant to Section 5.1; provided, however, that unless specifically permitted by the Committee, such deferred amount may not in aggregate be less than \$5,000 for any year. A Participant’s election to defer base salary payable in respect of services provided in any calendar year must be made on or before December 15 of the previous calendar year. A Participant’s election to defer an incentive award must be made prior to the time the amount of the award is granted under the applicable incentive award program and, in any event, prior to six months from the date the performance period ends. A Participant’s election to defer a “sign-on” bonus must be made at the time the amount of the award is determined under the applicable program and, in any event, prior to commencement of employment. In the case of a Participant who becomes employed and eligible for the Plan during the same calendar year, the elections described in this Article with respect to compensation for services after the date of election (other than the election relating to “sign-on” bonus) may be made no later than 30 days following the Participant’s first day of eligibility. Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph, deferrals under the Plan shall comply with the requirements of Section 409A as to timing of election, and need not exceed such requirements of Section 409A.

**Company Contributions.** The Committee may from time to time designate any individual then participating in the ESLIRP as a Schedule A Participant. For each such Schedule A Participant, the Company will contribute to an Account established or designated by such Participant an amount equal to such Participant’s Initial ESLIRP Conversion Amount.

(a) For each Schedule A Participant, the Company shall contribute to an Account established or designated by such Participant in respect of each full year such Participant remains employed by the Company following such Participant's designation as a Schedule A Participant, an amount equal to the Annual Schedule A Incremental Amount. The company shall make the contribution annually, no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. The contribution will be retroactively credited to the Participant's Account as if it had been deposited on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the contribution year. From January 1<sup>st</sup> through the business day immediately preceding the actual contribution date, such contribution shall be credited on a daily basis based on the fixed rate fund. Thereafter, such contribution shall be credited or debited in accordance with Section 6.3.

(b) The Committee may from time to time designate a Participant as a Schedule B Participant. For each such Schedule B Participant, in respect of each full year such Participant remains employed by the Company following such Participant's designation as a Schedule B Participant, the Company shall contribute to an Account established or designated by such Participant the Annual Employer Contribution. Each Annual Employer Contribution shall become vested and nonforfeitable in four equal installments on December 31 (the "Vesting Date") of each of the four years following the year in respect of which the Annual Employer Contribution was made, provided that the Participant remains employed by the Company on the applicable Vesting Date. All of a Participant's Annual Employer Contributions will vest and become nonforfeitable upon (i) a Change in Control, (ii) the Participant's death or disability, or (iii) the attainment by such Participant of age 60 following continuous employment by the Company until such time. The company shall make the contribution annually, no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. The contribution will be retroactively credited to the Participant's Account as if it had been deposited on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the contribution year. From January 1<sup>st</sup> through the business day immediately preceding the actual contribution date, such contribution shall be credited on a daily basis based on the fixed rate fund. Thereafter, such contribution shall be credited or debited in accordance with Section 6.3.

(c) A Participant may irrevocably elect, in accordance with Article 8, to direct Company Contributions to one or more Retirement or Pre-retirement Accounts. Such direction to and the payment schedule for any Account to which Company Contributions in respect of services provided in any calendar year are directed must be established on or before December 15 of the previous calendar year, to the extent necessary to comply with Section 409A.

**Pre-Retirement Life Insurance Benefit.** Executives named in both Schedule A and Schedule B, if any, are eligible to receive a pre-retirement life insurance death benefit equal to four times the sum of (A) base annual salary plus (B) target bonus calculated on a net basis taking into account all other Company-provided life insurance in the aggregate.

**Change in Control.**(a) In the event that a Schedule A Participant becomes eligible to receive Severance Payments under such Participant's Change in Control Agreement, as defined below, if any, the Company will be obligated to make an additional contribution to an Account established or designated by such Participant in accordance with this section.

(a) Such additional contribution shall be equal to (i) the payment that would have been made under Section 6.4 of the Change in Control Agreement had the Plan not been implemented, minus (ii) the amount that would have constituted the Participant's accrued benefit under the ESLIRP as of the Date of Termination without regard to the additional benefit provided under clauses (ii) and (iii) of such Section 6.4 of the Change in Control Agreement, in the case of both clause (i) and clause (ii) above assuming that the ESLIRP had continued in effect through the Date of Termination.

(b) Such additional contribution shall be made promptly following, but not more than 15 days after, the Date of Termination, and shall be allocated to one or more Measurement Funds, in accordance with the Schedule A Participant's then effective elections.

(c) Capitalized terms used in this Section 5.5, when applied to a Participant, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Agreement (or the Amended and Restated Agreement, as applicable) between such Participant and the Company (the "**Change in Control Agreement**"), if any.

## **ARTICLE 6. INTEREST EQUIVALENT FACTOR & MEASUREMENT FUNDS**

**Measurement Funds.** The Participant may allocate his or her Deferrals to, or notionally "invest" them in, one or more Measurement Funds. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, discontinue, substitute, add or delete a Measurement Fund at any time.

(a) **Annual Interest Equivalent Factor.** The Committee shall determine the annual interest equivalent factor that will apply to Deferrals allocated to the fixed rate fund. The Committee may determine different interest equivalent factors for Deferrals made in different calendar years, and except as otherwise provided herein, the Committee may change each year the interest equivalent factor applicable to the fixed rate fund for future periods.

**Upon Change of Control.** Following a Change in Control, the annual interest equivalent factors applied to Deferrals of a Participant shall not be less than the annual interest equivalent factors applicable to Deferrals of the Participant immediately prior to the Change of Control. Further, to the extent feasible, any Measurement Funds in existence prior to a Change in Control shall continue to be available after a Change in Control, until distribution of Accounts in accordance with Section 8.8.

**Crediting/Debiting of Account Balances.** In accordance with, and subject to, the rules and procedures that are established from time to time by the Committee, in its sole discretion, amounts shall be credited or debited to the balance of any Account of a Participant in accordance with the following rules:

(a) Allocation to Measurement Funds. In connection with each deferral election in accordance with Section 5.2 above and each Company Contribution in accordance with Schedule 5.3 above, each Participant shall allocate deferred amounts in all Accounts to one or more Measurement Fund(s) (as described below) to be used to determine the additional amounts to be credited or debited to such Account balance (the notional "investment return") for each period in which the Participant remains in active participation in the Plan. On a daily basis, in accordance with procedures established from time to time by the Committee, the Participant may (but is not required to) reallocate any portion of his Account balance(s) to one or more other Measure Funds. Any reallocation made in accordance with the previous sentence shall apply to the next business day and continue thereafter unless changed in accordance with the previous sentence.

(b) Allocation Amounts. Allocations to any Measurement Fund shall be made in increments of five percentage points (i.e., 5%) of the Account balance.

(c) Crediting or Debiting Method. The performance of each elected Measurement Fund (either positive or negative) will be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, based on the published performance of the reference fund. A Participant's Account balance(s) shall be credited or debited on a daily basis based on the performance of each Measurement Fund selected by the Participant, as though (i) for any quarter with respect to which a Participant has elected to reallocate his or her Account balances, a Participant's Account balance(s) were invested in the Measurement Fund(s) selected by the Participant, in the percentages in effect for such calendar quarter, as of the close of business on the first business day of such calendar quarter, at the closing price on such date; (ii) the portion of the Account balance(s) that was actually deferred or contributed during any calendar quarter were invested in the Measurement Fund(s) selected by the Participant, in the percentages in effect for such calendar quarter, no later than the close of business on the third business day after the day on which such amounts are actually deferred from the Participant's compensation through reductions in his or her payroll, or otherwise contributed, at the closing price on such date; and (iii) any distribution made to a Participant that decreases the balance of any Account of such Participant ceased being invested in the Measurement Fund(s) no earlier than three business days prior to the distribution, at the closing price on such date. Any contribution to which a Participant is entitled under Section 5.3(b) or (c) shall be credited to an Account established or designated by such Participant as of the close of business on the first business day of the calendar year following the year to which it relates. Any contribution to which a Participant is entitled under Section 5.3(a) shall be credited to an Account established or designated by such Participant as promptly as practicable following such contribution. If necessary, any such amount shall be credited with earnings determined by applying the Annual Interest Equivalent Factor from such date until it is possible to apply the Measurement Funds selected by the Participant or, if applicable, until such requirements as may reasonably be imposed by the Company have been satisfied.

(d) No Actual Investment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan that may be interpreted to the contrary, the Measurement Funds are to be used for reference purposes only, and a Participant's allocation of his or her Account balance(s) to any such Measurement Fund, the calculation of additional amounts and the crediting or debiting of such amounts to a Participant's Account balance(s) shall not be considered or construed in any manner as an actual investment of his or her Account balance(s) in any such Measurement Fund or any underlying reference portfolio. In the event that the Company or any Trustee in its discretion determines to invest funds in any of the Measurement Funds or underlying reference portfolios, or determines to invest in any other assets, no Participant shall have any rights in or to such investments. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Participant's Account balance(s) shall at all times be a bookkeeping entry only and shall not represent any investment made on his behalf by the Company or any Trust; the Participant shall at all times remain an unsecured creditor of the Company.

## **ARTICLE 7. PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS**

**Establishment of Accounts.** Each Participant shall establish, at the time of his or her initial participation in the Plan, one or more Accounts reflecting the amounts due the Participant under the Plan and the Committee shall cause the Company to establish on its books such Accounts reflecting the Company's obligation to pay Participants the amounts due under the Plan.

**Adjustments to Accounts.** From time to time the Committee shall adjust each Account of each Participant to credit amounts which the Participant has elected to defer under Article 5 and direct to such Account, amounts contributed to the Plan for the benefit of a Participant pursuant to Section 5.3 and directed by such Participant to such Account, and amounts based on the annual interest equivalent factors for the fixed rate fund and / or gains or losses based on the applicable allocations in the Measurement Funds, determined under Article 6. Participants' Account(s) shall also be adjusted to reflect benefit payments and withdrawals under Article 8 and shall continue to be adjusted under this Article 7 until the entire amount credited to the respective Account has been paid to the Participant or his Beneficiary.

## **ARTICLE 8. DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS**

### **8.1 Retirement Accounts.**

(e) At the time a Participant elects to defer compensation pursuant to Section 5.2 or direct the deposit of a contribution pursuant to Section 5.3, the Participant shall direct the Deferral or contribution to a Retirement Account and/or a Pre-retirement Account and shall establish the distribution schedule for such Account if such schedule has not previously been established. If the Participant chooses to establish a Retirement Account, the distribution schedule for such Account can be either:

(1) A lump sum:

- (i) upon termination of employment (including termination due to retirement); or
- (ii) at a specified time following termination of employment, subject to subsection (b) below.

(2) In up to 20 consecutive annual installments, commencing:

- (i) immediately upon termination of employment; or
- (ii) at a specified time following termination of employment, subject to subsection (b) below.

(f) Notwithstanding any election made pursuant to subsection (1)(ii) or (2) above, if the Participant has not attained age 55 at the time of termination of employment, all amounts will be distributed in a lump sum immediately following his termination of employment.

(g) For purposes of clarification, in the event that no Retirement Account allocation or distribution election is validly made for an amount, such amount will be distributed in accordance with subsection (1)(i) of Section 8.1(a) above.

**Pre-retirement Accounts.** (a) If at the time of a deferral election in accordance with Section 5 the Participant chooses to establish a Pre-retirement Account, the Participant shall designate the date or dates on which amounts contained in such Account shall be distributed. If multiple distribution dates are designated for a single Account, (i) such dates must be the same date in consecutive years, and (ii), the portion of the Account distributed on such date shall be a fraction which is the reciprocal of the number of distribution dates remaining at the time of any such distribution. For example, if three dates are selected, 1/3 of the Account shall be distributed on the first such date, 1/2 of the Account on the second such date, and the entire remaining Account on the last date. Each Pre-retirement Account may have only one distribution schedule, and once established, such schedule may be changed only in accordance with Section 8.6.

(d) A Participant must be employed at the time such Pre-retirement election(s) are scheduled to commence. If a Participant terminates employment prior to commencement of any elected Pre-retirement distribution(s), at any age, that Account(s) will be distributed in a lump sum upon termination. Pre-retirement payments will continue as elected if a Participant terminates employment after a Pre-retirement distribution commences. For purposes of clarification, in the event that any allocation to a Pre-retirement Account or any distribution election of a Pre-retirement amount under this Section 8.2 is not validly made, all amounts subject to such allocation or election shall be distributed in accordance with subsection (1)(i) of Section 8.1(a) above.

(e) The first distribution date selected for a Pre-retirement Account must be not earlier than three years after the date such amounts would have been paid to the Participant had no Deferral thereof been made.

**8.2A Special Lump-Sum Payment.** Notwithstanding any election made pursuant to Section 8.1(a) or Section 8.2(a), in the event that the total amount of a Participant's undistributed balance in the Plan is equal to or less than the amount then specified in Section 402(g)(1)(B) of the Code, or any successor provision thereto, as of the date of termination of employment, the Participant's Retirement Account(s) and Pre-Retirement Account(s) shall be fully distributed in a lump sum as soon as administratively feasible following termination of employment. Any such distribution pursuant to this section will comply in all respects with any applicable requirements of Section 409A.

**8.2B Payments and Disbursements.** Payments and distributions under the Plan shall be made on or as promptly as practicable after termination of employment, or after the respective date(s) designated by the Participant pursuant to Section 8.2, as the case may be, but in any event by the end of the calendar year in which such termination or date occurs; provided, however, that if the date of termination or such specified date is after November 30, such payment or distribution will be made in the following calendar year.

**Financial Hardship Distribution.** In the event a Participant suffers an unanticipated emergency due to circumstances beyond his control that results in a financial hardship, the Participant may request a distribution of all or any part of any Account. The Committee shall determine whether such a financial hardship exists and what amount, if any, may be distributed. In no event shall the aggregate amount of the distribution exceed either the value of the Participant's Account(s) or the amount determined by the Committee to be necessary to alleviate the Participant's financial hardship (which hardship amount may include taxes owed because of such distribution) and that is not reasonably available from other resources of the Participant. A distribution of any amount pursuant to this section that is subject to Section 409A will not be made unless the financial hardship distribution satisfies the requirements for distribution on account of "unforeseeable emergency", within the meaning of Section 409A.

**Disability.** For purposes of the Plan, a Participant who ceases active employment because of a disability is considered to remain active under the Plan, to the extent permitted by Section 409A. A Participant who has become disabled, within the meaning of Treasury Reg. Sec. 1.409A-3(i)(4), will receive a distribution of all portions of any Account that were scheduled to be distributed on termination of employment six months following the Participant's date of disability, and all other amounts will be distributed as scheduled, subject to the provisions of Section 8.6.

**Tax Withholding.** To the extent required by applicable law, Federal, State, and other taxes shall be withheld from any distribution.

**Changes to Distribution Schedules.** A Participant who has elected to receive payment at a time and in a form described in this Section 8 may change such election at any time up to 12 months prior to the date on which the payment was originally scheduled to be made or to commence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any election to change distribution dates cannot result in an acceleration of benefit payments and any further deferral must be for a period of not less than 5 years after the initially elected distribution date, in compliance with applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code. A changed election made within 12 months of the date payment was originally scheduled to be made or to commence is not valid and has no effect.

**Compliance with Section 409A.** If the implementation of any of the foregoing provisions of the Plan would subject the Participant to taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Code, the implementation of such provision shall be modified to avoid such taxes and penalties to the maximum extent possible while preserving to the maximum extent possible the benefits intended to be provided to Participants under the Plan. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and notwithstanding any provision of the Plan which may be interpreted to the contrary, any Participant who is treated as a "specified employee," for purposes of Section 409A, cannot receive or commence receiving payment within six months of his or her termination of employment, to the extent such delay is required by Section 409A and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**Change in Control.** Upon a Change in Control, all Accounts shall be distributed to Participants; provided that, to the extent required by Section 409A, such transaction also constitutes a change in the ownership or effective control of, or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of, the Company, within the meaning of Section 409A. Such distributions shall be made not earlier than January 1 and not later than January 31 of the calendar year following the year in which the Change in Control occurred.

## **ARTICLE 9. BENEFICIARY BENEFITS**

In accordance with forms and procedures established by the Committee, a Participant may designate a Beneficiary to receive the remaining balance of his Account(s) upon his death, and may change such designated Beneficiary from time to time. Payments to a Beneficiary under this Article 9 shall be made in accordance with the distribution schedules established by the Participant for his or her Account(s). Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if a Beneficiary survives the Participant but dies before the Participant's entire Account has been distributed, the remaining balance(s) of all of the Participant's Account(s) shall be distributed in a lump sum to the Beneficiary's estate as soon as practicable following receipt of notice of the Beneficiary's death. If no Beneficiary is designated (or if a designated Beneficiary does not survive the Participant), the balance credited to the Participant's Account(s) shall be paid to the Participant's estate in a lump sum as soon as practicable following receipt of notice of the Participant's death.

## **ARTICLE 10. NATURE OF CLAIM FOR PAYMENTS**

(a) Except as may be provided herein, the Company shall not be required to set aside or segregate any assets of any kind to meet its obligations hereunder. A Participant shall have no right on account of the Plan in or to any specific assets of the Company or to any assets of any Trust. Any right to any payment the Participant may have on account of the Plan shall be solely that of a general, unsecured creditor of the Company.

(b) To assist in meeting its obligations under the Plan, the Company may establish or designate a Trust, of which the Company is treated as the owner under Subpart E of Subchapter J, Chapter I of the Code, and may deposit funds with the Trustee of the Trust.

(c) In all events, the Company shall remain ultimately liable for the benefits payable under this Plan, and to the extent the assets at the disposal of the Trustee are insufficient to enable the Trustee to satisfy all benefits, the Company shall pay all such benefits necessary to meet its obligations under this Plan.

(d) The obligations of the Company hereunder shall be binding upon its successors and assigns, whether by merger, consolidation or acquisition of all or substantially all of its business or assets.

(e) In the event that, following a Change in Control, any dispute arises as to a Participant's entitlements under the Plan, the Participant shall be entitled to reimbursement, as incurred, of legal expenses incurred by the Participant in enforcing his or her rights hereunder, unless the claim(s) made by such Participant is determined by a court or arbitrator of appropriate jurisdiction to be or have been manifestly without merit.

## **ARTICLE 11. ASSIGNMENT OR ALIENATION**

**Prohibition on Assignment.** The interest hereunder of any Participant or Beneficiary shall not be alienable by the Participant or Beneficiary by assignment or any other method and will not be subject to be taken by his creditors by any process whatsoever, and any attempt to cause such interest to be so subjected shall not be recognized.

## **11.2 Domestic Relations Orders.**

(a) All or a portion of a Participant's benefit under the Plan may be paid to another person as specified in a "Qualified Domestic Relations Order." For this purpose, a "Qualified Domestic Relations Order" means a judgment, decree, or order (including the approval of a settlement agreement) which is:

(i) issued pursuant to a State's domestic relations law;

(ii) relates to the provision of child support, alimony payments or marital property rights to a spouse, former spouse, child or other dependent of the Participant;

(iii) creates or recognizes the right of a spouse, former spouse, child or other dependent of the Participant to receive all or a portion of the Participant's benefits under the Plan;

(iv) provides for payment in an immediate lump sum as soon as practicable after the Committee determines that a Qualified Domestic Relations Order exists; and

(v) meets such other requirements established by the Committee.

(b) The Committee shall determine whether any document received by it is a Qualified Domestic Relations Order. In making this determination, the Committee may consider:

(i) the rules applicable to "domestic relations orders" under section 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and section 206(d) of ERISA;

(ii) the procedures used under the 401(k) Savings Plan to determine the qualified status of domestic relations orders; and

(iii) such other rules and procedures as it deems relevant.

## **ARTICLE 12. NO CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

The Plan shall not be deemed to constitute a contract of employment between the Company and any Participant, or to be consideration for the employment of any Participant.

## **ARTICLE 13. AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PLAN**

The Plan may be altered, amended, revoked or terminated in writing by the Committee or the Company in any manner and at any time; provided, however, that (i) no amendment or action of the Committee may have the effect of reducing the vested balance of any Account of a Participant at the time of such amendment or action without the consent of the affected Participant, (ii) following a Change in Control, (A) no such alteration, amendment, revocation or termination shall reduce the amount of a Participant's Account or his rights to such Account as determined under the provisions of the Plan in effect immediately prior to such Change in Control (including without limitation any right to contributions under Section 5.3), or otherwise adversely affect the Participant's benefits under the Plan, without the written consent of the affected Participant and (B) the provisions of Sections 5.5, 6.2 and this Article 13 may not be amended. Any such amendment, modification, revocation or termination shall comply with Section 409A.

## **ARTICLE 14. CLAIMS REVIEW PROCEDURE**

**Notice.** The Committee shall notify Participants and, where appropriate, Beneficiaries, of their right to claim benefits under the claims procedures, and may, if appropriate, make forms available for filing of such claims, and shall provide the name of the person or persons with whom such claims should be filed.

**Procedure.** The Committee shall establish procedures for action upon claims initially made and the communication of a decision to the claimant promptly and, in any event, not later than 90 days after the claim is received by the Committee, unless special circumstances require an extension of time for processing the claim. If an extension is required, notice of the extension shall be furnished to the claimant prior to the end of the initial 90 day period, which notice shall indicate the reasons for the extension and the expected decision date. The extension shall not exceed 90 days. The claim may be deemed by the claimant to have been denied for purposes of further review described below in the event a decision is not furnished to the claimant within the period described in the three preceding sentences. Every claim for benefits which is denied shall be denied by written notice setting forth in a manner calculated to be understood by the claimant (i) the specific reason or reasons for the denial, (ii) specific reference to any provisions of the Plan on which denial is based, (iii) description of any additional material or information necessary for the

claimant to perfect his claim with an explanation of why such material or information is necessary, and (iv) an explanation of the procedure for further reviewing the denial of the claim under the Plan, including a statement of the right of the claimant to bring an action under Section 502(a)(3) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on review.

**Review.** The Committee shall establish a procedure for review of claim denials, such review to be undertaken by the Committee. The review given after denial of any claim shall be a full and fair review with the claimant or his duly authorized representative having 60 days after receipt of denial of his claim to request such review, the right to review all pertinent documents and the right to submit documents, records, issues, comments and other information in writing, all of which shall be taken into account regardless of whether it was submitted in the initial benefit determination. The claimant shall be provided upon request and at no charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits.

(a) The Committee shall establish a procedure for issuance of a decision by the Committee not later than 60 days after receipt of a request for review from a claimant unless special circumstances, such as the need to hold a hearing, require a longer period of time, in which case a decision shall be rendered as soon as possible but not later than 120 days after receipt of the claimant's request for review. The decision on review shall be in writing and shall include specific reasons for the decision written in a manner calculated to be understood by the claimant with specific reference to any provisions of the Plan on which the decision is based, a statement that the claimant is entitled upon request and at no charge reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits, and a statement of the right of the claimant to bring an action under Section 502(a)(1)(B) of ERISA.

#### **ARTICLE 15. GOVERNING LAW**

This Plan shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Massachusetts, to the extent such laws are not preempted by federal law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Plan has been adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Charles River Laboratories, Inc., on February 8, 2006, and amended on December 2, 2008, July 20, 2011, October 27, 2011, and July 17, 2012 and is executed by a duly authorized officer of Charles River Laboratories, Inc.

Charles River Laboratories, Inc.

/s/ James C. Foster

By: James C. Foster

Title: Chairman, CEO & President

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002  
AND RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

I, James C. Foster, Chief Executive Officer of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the Company) certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 of the Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our new supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: August 7, 2012

/s/ JAMES C. FOSTER

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James C. Foster  
*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.



**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002  
AND RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

I, Thomas F. Ackerman, Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the Company) certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 of the Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: August 7, 2012

/s/ THOMAS F. ACKERMAN

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Thomas F. Ackerman  
*Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer*  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the "Company") as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, James C. Foster, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, and Thomas F. Ackerman, Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, to the best of his knowledge and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 7, 2012

/s/ JAMES C. FOSTER

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*Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer*  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

Dated: August 7, 2012

/s/ THOMAS F. ACKERMAN

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*Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer*  
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

This certification shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.