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Bergen Brunswig Announces Marketing Partnership With Omnicell; Combined Offerings Present Comprehensive Solution

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ORANGE, Calif.--July 25, 2001--Bergen Brunswig Drug Company (BBDC), a subsidiary of Bergen Brunswig Corporation (NYSE:BBC), has announced a five-year collaborative solutions agreement with OmnicellTM; to jointly market products and services and leverage their respective strengths in hospital pharmacies and workflow automation.

In addition to the co-marketing agreement, Bergen and Omnicell will create unique e-commerce capabilities between Bergen's award-winning iBergenSM and Omnicell's e-procurement suite, OmniBuyer.

"This strategic partnership with Omnicell will enable our mutual customers to automate the workflow associated with procuring and distributing pharmaceuticals, creating synergies throughout the supply chain," said Brent Martini, President, BBDC.

As a part of the recently signed agreement, BBDC and Omnicell will collaborate and jointly respond to certain mutual customers' requests for proposals. Chuck Reed, vice president of Bergen's Pharmacy Technology Group commented, "The relationship will benefit customers with a single decision point to an integrated solution capable of greater control over drug distribution, improved accuracy in order processing and a reduction in medication errors."

Established in 1992, Omnicell provides an integrated suite of clinical infrastructure and workflow automation solutions for healthcare. Omnicell's solutions include pharmacy and supply systems, a Web-based procurement application and decision support capabilities, designed to enable healthcare facilities to decrease costs, enhance operating efficiency, reduce medication errors and improve patient care. For more information, visit www.omnicell.com.

Bergen Brunswig Corporation, headquartered in Orange County, California, is a leading supplier of pharmaceuticals and specialty healthcare products, as well as information management solutions and consulting services. Bergen's customers include the nation's healthcare providers (hospitals, nursing homes and physicians), drug stores, manufacturers and patients. Through its subsidiaries, Bergen provides product distribution; logistics; pharmacy management programs; and Internet fulfillment strategies designed to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes across the entire healthcare spectrum.

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