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AmerisourceBergen Elects Charles H. Cotros, Chairman & CEO of SYSCO, to Its Board of Directors

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa., Jan 15, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- AmerisourceBergen Corporation (NYSE:ABC) today announced that Charles H. Cotros, 64, has been elected to its Board of Directors.

The election expands the AmerisourceBergen board from nine to ten members.

Mr. Cotros currently is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sysco Corporation, North America's largest foodservice marketing and distribution organization. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer of SYSCO from 1995 to July 2000 and assumed the additional role of president of the corporation in 1999.

Mr. Cotros has held several positions of increasing responsibility with SYSCO since 1974 when his family's business, Tri-State General Food Supply, merged with SYSCO. He was elected a member of SYSCO's Board of Directors in 1986.

Robert E. Martini, Chairman of the Board of AmerisourceBergen Corporation said, "Mr. Cotros brings more than 30 years of experience in the distribution industry to our Board of Directors. This perspective and his many leadership roles at SYSCO strengthen our Board as we shape the future direction of AmerisourceBergen Corporation."

R. David Yost, President and Chief Executive Officer of AmerisourceBergen added, "His strong background in distribution and his executive experience make him an excellent addition to our Board of Directors."

Mr. Cotros serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Partnership. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Christian Brothers College, Memphis, Tennessee.

About AmerisourceBergen

AmerisourceBergen (NYSE:ABC) is the largest pharmaceutical services company in the United States dedicated solely to the pharmaceutical supply chain. It is the leading distributor of pharmaceutical products and services to the hospital systems/acute care market, alternative care providers, independent community pharmacies, and regional chains.

The company is also a leader in the institutional pharmacy marketplace. With approximately \$35 billion in annualized operating revenues, AmerisourceBergen is headquartered in Valley Forge, PA, and employs more than 13,000 people serving over 25,000 customers.

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