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UPDATED ABBOTT STATEMENT ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS

*– Abbott Donation Increases to \$6.5 Million in Funds and Product Donations,
as Well as On-the-Ground Support for Mobile Hospitals at Key Sites –*

ABBOTT PARK, Ill. Sept. 7, 2005 – In response to widespread damage throughout the Gulf Coast caused by Hurricane Katrina, Abbott is providing the following support:

- Three 80-foot-long "Architour" semi-trailers, or "labs on wheels", are providing health care staff working at mobile hospitals with the latest advanced diagnostic equipment to treat hurricane victims in key areas. One of the trailers in Houston has become an integral part of the mobile hospital located at the Astrodome, and two additional Abbott Architour trailers are being dispatched to Oschner Hospital in New Orleans and Davis, Oklahoma.
- Abbott's hand-held i-STAT[®] blood analyzers are being provided to health care staff to assist with on-the-ground diagnosis and care for patients. The mobile devices provide diagnostic results in minutes for a wide range of critical blood tests, including basic metabolism, hydration, blood glucose, and markers for kidney and cardiac function.
- An initial \$4.5 million in nutritional, medical and pharmaceutical products have been shipped to help victims of this disaster.
- \$2 million in cash donations have been provided to key relief organizations to assist with relief efforts.

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Working through disaster relief organizations including the American Red Cross, AmeriCares, America's Second Harvest and MAP International, key nutritional products were rapidly distributed to those in need after the disaster struck. Abbott's product contributions include pediatric and adult nutritional products such as *Similac*[®] infant formula, *PediaSure*[®] nutrition drinks, *Pedialyte*[®] rehydration solutions, and *Ensure*[®] and *ZonePerfect*[®] bars, as well as antibiotics and additional medications.

"The effects of this disaster are absolutely devastating. Abbott is answering the call to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," said Miles D. White, chairman and chief executive officer, Abbott. "Our thoughts are with all of those who live in the affected areas. We encourage all of corporate America to help."

Abbott has a long history of providing humanitarian relief. In 2004, Abbott donated more than \$300 million in products and funds to non-profit organizations, philanthropic programs and relief efforts throughout the world. The company provided humanitarian aid on the ground 72 hours after the tsunami hit Southeast Asia, as well as aid in Chad, Liberia and Darfur, Sudan, and hurricane relief in the United States.

Abbott is a global, broad-based health care company devoted to the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical products, including nutritionals, devices and diagnostics. The company employs more than 60,000 people and markets its products in more than 130 countries.

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