



## **ICON and Fountain Medical Development (FMD) Announce Opening of Laboratory Facility in China**

### ***ICON's third laboratory facility in Asia Pacific opened to meet growing demand***

DUBLIN, Jun 30, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- ICON Central Laboratories - a division of ICON plc, (NASDAQ:ICLR) (ISIN:IE0005711209), a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries - today announced the opening of a new laboratory facility in Tianjin, China, in partnership with Fountain Medical Development Ltd (FMD). It is the third ICON laboratory in the Asia-Pacific region.

ICON Central Laboratories China offers 3000 square feet of laboratory space and is located 70 miles from Beijing in Tianjin - one of China's most accessible and technologically advanced cities. It will deliver site support services to clinical investigators throughout China and offers overall benefits including shorter shipping distances between clinical sites and existing laboratory testing facilities which expedites study completion.

The facility will offer a comprehensive menu of testing services that includes: chemistry, haematology, coagulation, immunology and other testing services to meet study-specific requirements. The laboratory received CAP (College of American Pathologists) accreditation in May 2010 and is also NGSP Level I Certified.

Commenting on the announcement, Tom O'Leary, President - ICON Central Laboratories, said: "Our alliance with Fountain Medical Development (FMD) and the launch of this new facility underlines our commitment to satisfying our clients' growing demand for quality central laboratory services in the Asia-Pacific region."

Dan Zheng, CEO, FMD, added: "Partnering with ICON Central Laboratories gives the FMD team access to the resources, systems and infrastructure of a large international organisation involved in the management of both large global trials and localised studies. In return, our local knowledge and experience will be utilised by ICON as they work to provide clients with a faster and more cost efficient service."

ICON has been operational in the Asia-Pacific region for over 10 years, where it already employs over 800 staff, with existing laboratory facilities situated in Bangalore and Singapore.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **About ICON plc:**

ICON plc is a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The Company specialises in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. ICON currently employs over 7,300 employees, operating from 71 locations in 39 countries.

For further information, please visit [www.iconplc.com](http://www.iconplc.com)

##### **About ICON Central Laboratories**

ICON Central Laboratories, a division of ICON plc, provides full service, global central laboratory services from core facilities in the U.S., Ireland, Singapore, India and China. An extensive test menu of safety, esoteric and custom-developed assays, including global flow cytometry, is complemented by dedicated, sponsor-specific project teams and a single, comprehensive database for each study as well as a user-friendly, web-based, secure remote data access system. ICON Central Laboratories also offers a unique service to manage and compile laboratory data when a client's study requires the use of local laboratories.

For further information, please visit <http://www.iconplc.com/company/service-divisions/icon-central-laboratories/>

##### **About Fountain Medical Development Ltd.:**

Fountain Medical Development Ltd. is a full service clinical CRO with primary operation in South East Asia and China. It offers

Phase I to Phase IV clinical services, central lab services, EDC, regulatory affairs, safety handling and pharmacoeconomic services.

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