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Solon Manufacturing Company Acquires PurFybr Brands; Adds Influenza Virus Diagnostic Swabs to Product Line

North Haven, Conn., June 19, 2009 – Solon Manufacturing Co., a leading maker of single use disposable products for the medical, industrial and diagnostic fields, today announced its acquisition of certain assets of PurFybr Inc. The purchase, which specifically includes PurFybr brand rights and trademarks, technology, equipment and inventory, was concluded today.

“We are very excited to add the PurFybr lineup of products to our family of brands,” said Ken Shaw, vice president, Solon Manufacturing. “PurFybr has an outstanding reputation for high-quality specialty diagnostic swabs.” PurFybr products are the standard worldwide for DNA and influenza virus testing, including H1N1 (swine flu) virus.

PurFybr, which operates manufacturing facilities in Munster, Ind., was one of the first companies to spin polyester, rayon, and calcium alginate onto thin wires. Its products are designed to minimize the risk of irritation and contamination during the collection of specimens for a range of diagnostic testing, including rapid viral tests. Among its products, the company’s ultra micro fine wires have been shown to be highly effective in testing for and collecting specimens for sexually transmitted diseases.

Solon fully expects to meet all current and future PurFybr orders and has scheduled the transfer of equipment and inventory during the two-week period PurFybr typically shuts down each year. The PurFybr production facility will close today. Following the move to its state-of-the-art ISO 13485: 2003 FDA-registered facility in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Solon will perform machine, product and quality process validations prior to resuming production of PurFybr products on July 5th.

“Current PurFybr customers will benefit by having at their disposal the full resources and capabilities of a much larger company,” said Shaw. “We look forward to serving them with the same level of quality, choice and value for which Solon is known.”

Duane Ehlers, president and owner of privately held PurFybr, will join Solon as a consultant.

About Solon Manufacturing Company

Since 1936 Solon Manufacturing Company has been dedicated to the single use disposable market. We manufacture products for the Medical, Industrial and Diagnostic fields in either our state of the art ISO13485: 2003 FDA-registered facility in the United States or from one of our manufacturing partners in Asia. Solon has branded, private label and OEM business worldwide. Solon is a division of privately held Mossberg Corporation and is based in North Haven, Conn.

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