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INTERPHEX Asia 2008 – Asia's Dedicated Platform for the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry

“Asia's pharmaceutical manufacturing industry sees no signs of a slowdown, judging by the number of pharmaceutical manufacturing companies setting up facilities in Singapore and other Asian countries such as India and China,” says Gus Abdallah, immediate past President of the ISPE Singapore Affiliate at the recently- concluded ISPE Singapore Conference.

Held from 2 to 3 June, INTERPHEX Asia 2008 saw over 1,000 international participants convene in Singapore. Asia's annual dedicated platform for the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry brought together key executives from major multinational and regional pharmaceutical manufacturers over 2 days, who took the opportunity to engage in peer dialogue, share information and keep abreast on industry developments.

The ISPE Singapore Conference was held alongside INTERPHEX Asia 2008 from 1 to 3 June. With a panel of over 35 international and regional speakers from a host of major manufacturers including GSK, Pfizer, Schering-Plough, MSD, Genentech and Lonza Biopharmaceuticals, the conference addressed the latest regulatory, technological and practical issues facing multinational and regional pharmaceutical manufacturers in API, secondary and biotech manufacturing. More than 360 participants from over 20 countries attended the ISPE Singapore Conference, 80% of them were from the senior & middle management level of the regional pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.

Throughout the conference, one overall sentiment gathered from the participating exhibitors, conference speakers and delegates was undoubtedly clear – that of Asia's emergence as a potential global hub for pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Boasting manufacturing benefits ranging from cost-efficiencies, capacity and skilled labour, Asia's pharmaceutical market was valued at US\$144 billion in 2007, and is expected to grow to US\$159.1 billion in 2008, at a rate of 10.5 per cent, according to research studies by Frost and Sullivan. With the forecasted demand, Asian generic drug manufacturers are potentially set to become prominent players in the global pharmaceutical industry. According to a recent report by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the pharmaceutical industries in China, India and Singapore are poised to become leaders in Asia's pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.

Singapore is today home to some of the most technologically-sophisticated pharmaceutical manufacturing plants in the world. The ISPE Singapore Conference delegates had the opportunity to visit some of these plants as part of the Conference programme.

Organised by Reed Exhibitions, INTERPHEX Asia 2008 showcased a comprehensive range of pharmaceutical manufacturing products, technologies and services from all over the world. It brought together more than 100 international suppliers from 15 countries worldwide.

INTERPHEX 2009 will be held in Singapore from 1 June - 2 June, 2009.

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