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To Valued Customers and Suppliers of Biolab and Fisher Scientific:

It is with great enthusiasm that we inform you that Thermo Fisher Scientific, the world leader in serving science, has acquired the Scientific and Medical Division of Alesco Corporation Limited, commonly known as Biolab. The transaction closed on April 30, 2009. This acquisition represents the continued global expansion of the Fisher Scientific brand and furthers our market-leading ability to offer a premier, consistent experience throughout the world. The transaction also capitalizes on Biolab's core competencies through its inclusion in a company with exceptional financial strength and stability and whose mission is to enable customers to make the world healthier, cleaner and safer.

Biolab is the leading and largest supplier of scientific, environmental and healthcare instruments and consumables in Australasia. Fisher Scientific is part of Thermo Fisher Scientific, and is a leading global channel for a complete range of laboratory research, healthcare and safety products and services. This acquisition will enable customers throughout Australasia to benefit from the highly complementary product offering, services and convenience that each brings to this transaction. The result is an even broader spectrum of unparalleled product and service offerings.

This acquisition is an important step in the continued strengthening of Thermo Fisher Scientific's presence throughout Asia and provides for immediate best-in-class commercial and supply chain capabilities within Australasia. Recent expansion of the company's global channel activities includes significantly enhanced penetration of several markets, including India, China, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and others, all of which complement the historically strong presence of Fisher Scientific in other major global markets. We are confident that you will benefit from the enhanced expertise, service and support that we can offer through our growing commercial organization.

We look forward to the continuation of our strong relationship with you and to discussing over the coming months ways in which we may grow together within Australia, New Zealand and throughout the South Pacific!

Thank you for your support in this process. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time if you have any questions.

Regards,



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