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Merck KGaA Targets a 20% Reduction in Carbon Dioxide Emissions

- **Strong corporate commitment to social initiatives continues**
- **New Corporate Responsibility Report published**

Darmstadt, July 31, 2009 – Merck KGaA announced today that it has set new, ambitious climate protection targets for its global pharmaceutical and chemical operations: By the year 2020, global carbon dioxide emissions are to be reduced by one-fifth, measured against the 2006 level. For comparison: The European Union is aiming to lower CO₂ emissions by 20% relative to the 1990 level. This information can be found in the new Corporate Responsibility Report, which Merck issued today. This corporate citizenship report is published every two years to inform stakeholders about the company's key projects to promote sustainable development.

With respect to the reduction of pollutant emissions, Merck is also expanding the measurement scope: To date, only direct emissions were taken into account, meaning those emissions that a company itself releases by burning fossil fuels for steam or power generation, or through the production process. Effective immediately, indirect emissions are also included, meaning those emissions released in the generation of purchased energy, such as electricity, natural gas or distance heating. The reduction measures focus on the 15 sites that jointly produce over 80% of Merck's total emissions worldwide.

Apart from environmental targets, the Merck Corporate Responsibility Report for 2009 contains a wealth of examples of sustainable business, good corporate citizenship and the social commitment of the company and its employees. These examples include

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new drugs for currently unmet medical needs, specialty chemicals for the generation and efficient use of energy as well as analytical methods that help make food and water supplies for a growing world population safer. The report also documents the company's family-friendly culture, its open dialog with a variety of interest groups as well as certain core projects such as the Merck-Praziquantel Donation Program, within the scope of which Merck is cooperating with the World Health Organization to combat schistosomiasis in African school children. By 2017 Merck will donate around 200 million tablets of Cesol[®] 600 containing the active ingredient praziquantel worth approximately US\$ 80 million. In 2008, Merck invested nearly EUR 8 million in corporate citizenship activities.

The 76-page Corporate Responsibility Report can be downloaded from the Merck website:

<http://www.merck.de/en/company/responsibility/responsibility.html>

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