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**MERCK & CO., INC. NAMED TO DOW JONES SUSTAINABILITY NORTH
AMERICA INDEX**

Whitehouse, N.J., September 8, 2009 – Merck said today that it has been named to the Dow Jones Sustainability North America Index, published last week. This is the first time Merck has been included on the Index.

Dow Jones Sustainability's annual review considers sustainability leaders from each industry on a global and regional level. The Dow Jones Sustainability indexes analyze corporate economic, environmental, and social performance, assessing issues such as corporate governance, risk management, branding, climate change mitigation, supply chain standards and labor practices.

"Merck's business is bringing innovative medicines and vaccines to people around the world to help create a healthier future," said Richard T. Clark, Chairman, President and CEO, Merck & Co., Inc. "Our success relies on fulfilling this responsibility in a way that is socially responsible, environmentally sustainable and transparent. We are pleased to be part of the Dow Jones Sustainability North American Index and believe this illustrates our commitment to these values."

To learn more about Merck's corporate responsibility initiatives and performance, please visit www.merck.com/cr.

About Merck

Merck & Co., Inc. is a global research-driven pharmaceutical company dedicated to putting patients first. Established in 1891, Merck currently discovers, develops, manufactures and markets vaccines and medicines to address unmet medical needs. The Company devotes extensive efforts to increase access to medicines through far-reaching programs that not only donate Merck medicines but help deliver them to the people who need them. Merck also publishes unbiased health information as a not-for-profit service. For more information, visit www.merck.com

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