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### **VIOXX® Update: Statement on VICTOR Study**

WHITEHOUSE STATION, N.J., July 3, 2007 – Merck & Co., Inc. will wait until publication of the study before going into detail about what the data show or do not show. The data have been previously presented last year at a scientific meeting, and at that time it was noted that there were limitations in it related to the premature termination of the study together with the fact that events were collected after patients had been unblinded. The reported findings with respect to confirmed thrombotic events in short-term use are not supported by the data found in the other available large placebo-controlled studies with VIOXX including the Alzheimer's' studies, ViP and APPROVe.

#### **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 <http://www.merck.com>.

#### **Forward-Looking Statement**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. The forward-looking statements may include statements regarding product development, product potential or financial performance. No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed, and actual results may differ materially from

those projected. Merck undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Forward-looking statements in this press release should be evaluated together with the many uncertainties that affect Merck's business, particularly those mentioned in the risk factors and cautionary statements in Item 1A of Merck's Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2006, and in its periodic reports on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K, which the Company incorporates by reference.

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