



NEWS RELEASE

MDS Nordion Appoints Christopher Wagner as Senior Vice-President of Sales and Marketing

Ottawa, Canada, January 30, 2006 – MDS Nordion, a leading supplier of radioisotopes, radiation and related technologies, is pleased to announce the appointment of Christopher Wagner as Senior Vice-President of Sales and Marketing. Mr. Wagner will report directly to Steve West, President of MDS Nordion and will be a member of the Executive Management Team.

Mr. Wagner joins MDS Nordion with nearly 30 years of global sales and marketing experience, most recently with Tyco Healthcare/Mallinckrodt. Mr. Wagner brings considerable knowledge in global strategic product development and positioning. He is experienced in working with large, multi-national companies and delivering strong sales and marketing results.

“Chris’s extensive experience in the nuclear medicine industry will help position us for growth, strengthen our global franchise and build our product portfolios. His knowledge of working with hospital and radiopharmacy operations, key industry stakeholders and regulatory authorities will help us improve our sales, marketing and business development efforts in a US\$2.8 billion market,” said Mr. West.

Mr. Wagner holds a B.A. in Nuclear Medicine from Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio. He holds several professional board certifications in radiology and nuclear medicine, as well as a licensure in medical physics.

“I am very excited about joining the executive team at MDS Nordion and look forward to better positioning the MDS Nordion strategic product lines for growth. This is a vibrant organization with dedicated and hard-working employees and it’s motivating to be part of a company that contributes to global health,” said Mr. Wagner.

MDS Nordion’s strategic product lines include medical isotopes for molecular imaging, development and manufacturing of radiotherapeutics, and sterilization products and services for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease.

About MDS Nordion

MDS Nordion (www.mds.nordion.com) is a world leader in radioisotopes, radiation and related technologies. MDS Nordion is part of MDS Inc. (TSX:MDS; NYSE:MDZ). MDS Inc. has more than 8,800 highly skilled people in 28 countries. We provide a diverse range of superior products and services to increase our customers' speed, precision and productivity in the drug development and disease diagnosis processes. We are a global, values-driven health and life sciences company, recognized for our reliability and collaborative relationships as we help create better outcomes in the treatment of disease. Find out more at www.mdsintl.com or by calling 1-888-MDS-7222, 24 hours a day.

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Questions and Answers

1. **What is your background in the gamma industry and what kind of value do you think you can add?**
 - 30 years of global sales and marketing with extensive knowledge and experience in:
 - Working with large, multi-national customers, key industry stakeholders and regulatory authorities around the world
 - Strategic product development and positioning
 - Identifying business opportunities across multiple product lines within global environment
 - Hospital and radiopharmacy operations, regulatory jurisdictions and product development cycle
2. **Why did you leave Mallinckrodt to go to the competitor?**
 - MDS Nordion provided a personal growth opportunity with a leadership role
 - Provides me with the opportunity to position MDS Nordion's six strategic product lines for growth and be more customer focused
 - Vibrant company with dedicated, hard-working employees that contribute to global health-care
3. **Are there confidentiality concerns in your new role?**
 - I believe in and will follow the MDS Nordion core values: mutual trust, genuine concern and respect for people, integrity, and commitment to excellence
4. **What changes are you planning to make to position MDS Nordion for growth and success?**
 - I want to better position each of the six strategic product lines for growth
 - Be more customer focused
5. **Tyco recently announced they may split the Mallinckrodt Inc. into three. Is hiring Christopher Wagner a strategic move before acquiring part of the Mallinckrodt Inc. business?**
 - Given that we are a publicly traded company, and for confidentiality reasons, I am unable to answer your question.