

GORE LYOGUARD Vial Isolators Displayed at Lyophilization Services of New England's Facility Tour

ELKTON, Md.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--W. L. Gore & Associates, which recently launched the GORE™ LYOGUARD® Vial Isolator, will be displaying the new device during a facility tour at Lyophilization Services of New England (LSNE). The facility tour will take place at LSNE's state-of-the-art contract manufacturing facility on September 9, 2009, in Bedford, New Hampshire.

GORE™ LYOGUARD® Vial Isolators are single-use devices that combine proven Gore technology with standard vials and stoppers for efficient freeze-drying, while containing and protecting valuable product immediately after filling. Made with Gore's unique expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE) membrane, GORE™ LYOGUARD® Vial Isolators reduce product "fly-out" and product cross-contamination, while improving sterility in small-scale aseptic processing applications.

GORE™ LYOGUARD® Vial Isolators integrate the ePTFE membrane into a molded housing that seals on a 20mm neck vial, which offers the protection of a "closed" system with the efficiency of an "open" system that is necessary for the lyophilization process and is ideal for R&D and early phase clinical trials.

Joe Brendle, global product manager for GORE™ LYOGUARD® Freeze-Drying Products discusses the event. "We are pleased to be a part of the facility tour, and we are excited about the opportunity to demonstrate our newest product, the GORE™ LYOGUARD® Vial Isolator. We wish the entire LSNE team a successful launch of their new facility."

GORE™ LYOGUARD® Freeze-Drying Products have been used globally in over 250 new and existing applications, enabling aseptic transfer, containment, and processing of freeze-dried products in a variety of environments and freeze-drying equipment.

About W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. and GORE™ PharmBIO Products

Gore is a world-renown manufacturer of thousands of advanced technology products and is perhaps best known as the inventors of ePTFE and the makers of GORE-TEX® fabric. With more than \$2.5 billion in annual sales and 8,000 employees in 80 countries throughout the world, W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc., provides diverse, high-performance solutions in pharmaceutical, consumer, industrial, electronic, medical, and surgical markets.

As a business initiative within the Enterprise, Gore PharmBIO Products develops innovative, technology-driven products and applications to better serve the global pharmaceutical and bioprocess markets. W. L. Gore & Associates has cultivated a unique corporate culture, resulting in a high energy commitment to innovation and a passionate belief in making a difference. Gore PharmBIO Products supports the Enterprise's pledge to maintain product leadership and create dependable and reliable products and services for its customers. For more information about W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. and Gore PharmBIO Products, call 1/800-368-GORE(4673), or visit www.gore.com/pharmbio.

About Lyophilization Services of New England®

Lyophilization Services of New England®, established in 1997, is a privately held, FDA-inspected contract manufacturer of medical devices and finished pharmaceuticals. LSNE is strategically positioned to meet the growing needs of both medical devices and pharmaceuticals requiring liquid and/or lyophilized capabilities. For more information about LSNE and the facility tour, call (603) 626-5763, extension 11, or visit <http://www.lyophilization.com/openhousersvp.html> to register for the facility tour.

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