



Appointment of Alexandre Mérieux by the bioMérieux Board of Directors

Marcy l'Etoile, France, December 22, 2008 – At the meeting of the bioMérieux Board of Directors held on December 19, 2008, Alexandre Mérieux was appointed as “Directeur Général Délégué” of the Company. Stéphane Bancel continues to be responsible for all functions in his role as Chief Executive Officer and to chair the bioMérieux Management Committee.

Alexandre Mérieux, aged 34, is a member of the bioMérieux SA Board of Directors since April 16, 2004. A graduate of HEC Montreal Business School, he held positions in France and the United States at Silliker Group Corporation before joining the Industrial Microbiology division of bioMérieux in 2005. Alexandre Mérieux will continue in his role as Corporate Vice President of Industrial Microbiology.

About bioMérieux

Advancing Diagnostics to Improve Public Health

A world leader in the field of *in vitro* diagnostics for 45 years, bioMérieux is present in more than 150 countries through 39 subsidiaries and a large network of distributors. In 2007, revenues reached €1.063 billion with 84% of sales outside of France.

bioMérieux provides diagnostic solutions (reagents, instruments, software) which determine the source of disease and contamination to improve patient health and ensure consumer safety. Its products are used for diagnosing infectious diseases and providing high medical value results for cardiovascular emergencies and cancer screening and monitoring. They are also used for detecting microorganisms in agri-food, pharmaceutical and cosmetic products. bioMérieux is listed on the NYSE Euronext Paris market (Code: BIM – Code ISIN: FR0010096479). Other information can be found at www.biomerieux.com.

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