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Charles River and WuXi PharmaTech: The First Global Early-Stage CRO

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This document may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed combination of Charles River and WuXi. In connection with the proposed transaction, Charles River will file a preliminary proxy statement and a definitive proxy statement with the SEC. The information contained in the preliminary filing will not be complete and may be changed. Before making any voting or investment decisions, investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement when it becomes available and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they will contain important information. The definitive proxy statement will be mailed to the shareholders of Charles River seeking their approval of the proposed transaction. Charles River's shareholders will also be able to obtain a copy of the definitive proxy statement free of charge by directing a request to: Charles River Laboratories, 251 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, Attention: General Counsel. In addition, the preliminary proxy statement and definitive proxy statement will be available free of charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov or shareholders may access copies of the documentation filed with the SEC by Charles River and on Charles River's website at www.criver.com.

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The New Charles River

- [] Charles River signed a definitive agreement to acquire WuXi PharmaTech for ~\$1.6B (1) in cash and stock on April 26(th)
 - [] The combination creates the first early-stage contract research organization (CRO)
 - * Offers a full range of products and services from molecule creation to first-in-human testing
 - [] Charles River's expertise in in vivo biology combined with WuXi's expertise in chemistry creates a CRO capable of supporting clients' early-stage drug development efforts on a global basis
 - [] Drives CRL shareholder value through profitable growth
- (1) Based on CRL's 04/23/2010 closing stock price.

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Charles River Today

- [] A leading in vivo biology company
 - * \$1.20B in net sales (FY '09)
- [] Unique portfolio of products and services focused on the research and development continuum for new drugs
- [] A multinational company with ~8,000 employees worldwide
 - * ~70 facilities in 16 countries
 - [] Continuous expansion to support client needs

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(Source:) Based on Charles River's FY 2009 net sales.

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WuXi Today

- [] A leading chemistry company
 - * \$270M in net sales (FY09)
- [] Service portfolio supports clients early with molecule creation, extending downstream through laboratory and manufacturing services
- [] Largest China-based CRO with ~4,200 employees worldwide
 - * One of the largest employers of chemists in the world
 - * 7 facilities in China and U. S. to support clients globally

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(Source:) filed Based with on the WuXi's SEC information on 04/23/2010 as disclosed and other in public its Form documents. 20-F

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The New CRL: Global Integrated Services

Discovery			
Target		Assay	Hit/Lead
Identification/	Compound	Development/	Identification/
Validation	Synthesis	Screening	Optimization
Preclinical			
Discovery Pharma-		Safety	Process
and Imaging	cology	Assessment	Scale-up/
Services			Research
	Research Models and Services		Manufacture
	Clinical		
Phase I	Phase 2	Phase 3	
Clinical	Clinical	Clinical	Commercial
Trials	Trials	Trials	Manufacture
	Bioanalytical Services/Testing		

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Drives Profitable Revenue Growth

- [] WuXi provides opportunity to enhance revenue growth while expanding Charles River's margins
- [] Discovery and Chemistry services
 - * Fastest-growing business segment as pharma increasingly choose to outsource * Significant growth opportunity for WuXi's new downstream services
- [] Service biology, DMPK/ADME, formulation, process research, bioanalytical chemistry, manufacturing
- [] GLP safety assessment in China
 - * Expands the development and scope of GLP capabilities in China
- [] Manufacturing services
 - * Emerging opportunity for active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for clinical trial and commercial-scale manufacturing services in China
- [] New business opportunities
 - * Drives more business upstream and downstream with existing and prospective clients based on unprecedented scope of early-stage portfolio
- [] Expanded portfolio drives market share gains

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The New CRL Revenue Base*
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Leveraging the increasing strategic importance of China

* Based on FY 2009 combined sales. WuXi's information is as disclosed in its Form 20-F filed with the SEC on 04/23/2010 and other public documents.

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The New CRL Business Segments

2009 Combined Sales*: \$1.5B
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DS: Discovery Services
RMS: Research Models and Services
PCS: Preclinical Services

* Based on FY 2009 combined sales, with Charles River's DIS included in DS and WuXi's U.S.-based Laboratory Services included in PCS. WuXi's information is as disclosed in its Form 20-F filed with the SEC on 04/23/2010 and other public documents.

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Compelling Value Proposition for Clients

- [] Larger footprint with more capabilities enables clients to partner with one company from chemistry to man
- [] More attractive partner for biopharmaceutical companies looking to gain more value from fewer service providers
- [] Enables clients to choose where to work: North America, Europe or China
 - * Charles River brand supports placement of work in China
- [] Seamless transfer of therapeutics across the early-stage continuum helps reduce time and cost to bring a drug to market
 - * Enables sponsors to make earlier "go/no-go" decisions

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Enhancing Client Relationships

- [] Focus on expanding existing client partnerships
 - * Enhances solid, high-level relationships in the same companies
 - * Strengthens relationships with those clients where one company is pre-eminent
 - * Creates new opportunities with clients where both entities currently have minority share
- [] Client retention driven by breadth of portfolio, high-quality science and exceptional service

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Very Favorable Client Response

- [] Senior management of CRL contacted top 20 major pharmaceutical and biotechnology clients within 24 hours of announcement
- [] Viewed the acquisition as strategic fit with CRL's in vivo business, offering clients the opportunity for larger relationships with CRL
 - * Clients already requesting follow-up meetings to discuss potential expansion of relationships upstream
- [] Value of CRL brand seen as an advantage in terms of standardizing products and services in China

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The New CRL Client Base

[] Client base composed of big pharma and biotech, small and mid-tier pharma and biotech, academic and government clients, CROs and agricultural and chemical manufacturers

[] Top 10 clients represent ~35% of combined sales

[] No single client represents more than 6% of sales

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2011 General Assumptions(1)

- [] Expect to recognize ~\$20M of cost synergies
 - * Public company costs, SGandA, and refinement of operating structure
- [] ~4.5% average interest rate on new debt
 - * New debt of ~\$950M
- [] Existing term loan is repaid
 - * Debt amortization begins in 4Q2010 (after close)
- [] Expect to accelerate repayment with cash flow
- [] Consolidated CRL non-GAAP tax rate expected to be ~25%-26%
- [] ~85-86M CRL shares outstanding post-close
- [] Expected to be neutral (at bottom of or below collar) to slightly accretive to non-GAAP EPS in 2011, and increasingly accretive thereafter
- (1) Combined financial information is presented as a supplementary non-GAAP financial measure, and is not intended to be superior to or a substitute for any financial measure prepared in accordance with GAAP. Furthermore, combined financial information is not equivalent to pro forma financial information as may be included in any proxy statement Charles River will file with the SEC in connection with this transaction. For example, combined financial information does not give effect to adjustments likely to be found in pro forma financial information such as increased amortization and depreciation. Items excluded from non-GAAP EPS consist of all deal-related costs including repatriation impact.

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WuXi 1Q10 Results(1)

[] Strong Q1 net revenues increase of 36% to \$80.6M

	Non-	%[] from
(\$ in millions)	GAAP OI	1Q09
Reported	\$20.5	57%
Share-based comp	(2.3)	15%
CRL Presentation	\$18.2	65%

[] Non-GAAP diluted earnings per ADS of \$0.25, an increase of 26%

* Non-GAAP earnings exclude share-based compensation costs associated with FAS123R

(1) Source: WuXi 1Q10 earnings release issued on May 11, 2010, as included in the Form 6-K filed with the SEC on May 11, 2010.

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WuXi 2010 Guidance(1)

[] 2Q10 Guidance

* Net revenues of \$76-\$78M

* Non-GAAP gross margin better than 1Q10

[] Reaffirmed guidance for 2010 at the upper end of ranges

* Net revenues growth of 15-19% to \$310-\$320M

* Growth in non-GAAP operating income of up to 10%

[] "Continue to expect strong financial performance throughout 2010 and beyond"

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Transaction Summary

Purchase price	~\$1.6B(1), including the assumption of WuXi's debt and cash
Consideration per share	\$21.25(1) total per ADS subject to collar (below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$11.25 in cash (~53%) plus o \$10.00 of CRL common stock (~47%) determined by exchange ratio
Exchange Ratio	\$10.00 divided by 20-day weighted average closing price prior to closing subject to collar (below)
Collar	At Charles River's stock price of \$37.1486 or below, exchange ratio is fixed at 0.2692; at a price of \$43.1726 or above, exchange ratio is fixed at 0.2316
Premium	28% based on WuXi's 04/23/2010 closing price of \$16.57 38% based on 30-day average closing price of \$15.45
Expected closing	By 4Q10, subject to approval by each company's shareholders and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals
Ownership	Approximately 78% Charles River/ 22% WuXi pro forma ownership
Tax Treatment	Taxable exchange under place U.S. tax law

(1) Based on CRL's 04/23/2010 closing stock price.

Integration Planning

[] Integration team leaders have already met (week of 5/3)

* CRL: Dave Johst, EVP, Human Resources, General Counsel and CAO

* WX: Edward Hu, COO

[] Forming integration sub-teams and identifying key objectives

* Goal: "Hit the ground running" after close

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WuXi Senior Management Joins CRL

[] Ge Li, PhD: Corporate EVP and President, Global Discovery and China Services

* Joins CRL Board, along with two additional directors chosen by WuXi

[] Edward Hu: Corporate SVP and General Manager, Global Discovery and China Services

[] Shuhui Chen, PhD: Corporate SVP and General Manager, Chemistry Services and Chief Scientific Officer, China

[] Suhan Tang, PhD: Corporate VP and General Manager, Manufacturing Services

[] Employment agreements with top four executives

* Each agreement has a three-year term

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The New CRL: A Unique Opportunity

- [] Combines leaders in in vivo biology and chemistry
- [] Larger footprint with more capabilities enables clients to partner with one company from chemistry to man
- [] Supportive of global pharmas who view China as the new frontier for drug development
- [] Dramatically improves both companies' ability to meet existing and future client needs
- [] WuXi provides opportunity to drive revenue growth while expanding Charles River's margins
- * Expect to generate \$20M in annual cost synergies
- * Opportunity for meaningful revenue synergies

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Accelerating Drug Development. Exactly.

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