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**PERRIGO COMPANY ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT
OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

AUTHORIZES EXTENSION OF SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

ALLEGAN, Mich. – Feb. 21, 2006 – The Perrigo Company (Nasdaq: PRGO; TASE) today announced the appointment by the Board of Directors of Ran Gottfried as a new director of the Company. Mr. Gottfried was appointed to serve for a term expiring on the date of the annual meeting in 2006.

David T. Gibbons, Perrigo Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Ran Gottfried has an outstanding background in establishing and growing a variety of businesses. His extensive planning, systems, and operations expertise and executive leadership will allow him to fulfill an important role as a member of the Perrigo Board. We are pleased to welcome Ran to Perrigo."

Mr. Gottfried, 61, is a consultant and director for private and public companies in Israel in the areas of retailing and distribution, pharmaceuticals, and telecommunications. He is also Chairman of Magnolia Silver Jewelry Ltd, a company engaged in retail sales of silver jewelry. From 2004, Mr. Gottfried has served as an advisor to Careline-Neca, a consumer division of the Company's Perrigo Israel subsidiary. Mr. Gottfried was also a director of Agis Industries (1983) Ltd, one of Israel's largest pharmaceutical companies, from 2003 until its acquisition by Perrigo in March 2005. Since 1974, he has founded or led five companies specializing in import/export of household products and fresh foods, the development of telecommunications products, and retail chain store sales of cosmetics, perfume and jewelry. Mr. Gottfried is also a director of Bezeq, Israel's leading telecommunications provider.

The Company also announced that the Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of an additional \$60 million of the Company's common stock through February 16, 2007 under its ongoing share repurchase program. This amount is in addition to the previous authorization of \$30 million, any remaining balance of which will expire on April 26, 2006. Under share repurchase

programs since November 2000, Perrigo has repurchased 7.7 million shares at a cost of approximately \$92 million. As of February 17, 2006, Perrigo had 93,132,000 common shares outstanding.

The Perrigo Company is a leading global healthcare supplier and the world's largest manufacturer of over-the-counter (OTC) pharmaceutical and nutritional products for the store brand market. Store brand products are sold by food, drug, mass merchandise, dollar store and club store retailers under their own labels. The Company also develops, manufactures and markets prescription generic drugs, active pharmaceutical ingredients and consumer products, and operates manufacturing facilities in the United States, Israel, United Kingdom, Mexico and Germany. Visit Perrigo on the Internet (<http://www.perrigo.com>).

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