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## **PERRIGO COMPANY RESPONDS TO LANNETT ANNOUNCEMENT**

ALLEGAN, Mich. – May 6, 2004 – Perrigo Company (Nasdaq: PRGO) said today that Lannett Company, Inc. (Amex: LCI) announced it has signed a supply agreement with Jerome Stevens Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (JSP) for the exclusive distribution rights in the United States to Lannett's current line of JSP products. In exchange for the exclusive distribution rights, Lannett will grant JSP four million shares of Lannett common stock.

Perrigo previously announced it had acquired an irrevocable option to purchase a controlling interest in Lannett, a manufacturer of generic pharmaceuticals.

David T. Gibbons, Perrigo Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "After obtaining the option, Perrigo learned of the ongoing negotiations between Lannett and JSP regarding the supply of various products. We slowed our ongoing due diligence of Lannett pending completion of those contractual negotiations. With a contract now in place, Perrigo will move forward with due diligence. It will include a review of the financial and strategic implications of the contract and the impact of the issuance of the four million shares of Lannett common stock on our option.

"Given the reduction in the percentage of Lannett common stock owned by the majority shareholders, we are discussing alternative terms with the majority shareholders while continuing to retain our option."

Perrigo Company is the nation's largest manufacturer of over-the-counter (non-prescription) pharmaceutical and nutritional products sold by supermarket, drug, and mass merchandise chains under their own labels. The Company's products include over-the-counter pharmaceuticals such as analgesics, cough and cold remedies, gastrointestinal, and feminine hygiene products, and nutritional products, such as vitamins, nutritional supplements and nutritional drinks. Visit Perrigo on the Internet ([www.perrigo.com](http://www.perrigo.com)).

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