

SPECIALTY LABORATORIES INC  
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UNITED STATES  
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To our Stockholders:

We have previously sent to you proxy material for the important special meeting of stockholders of Specialty Laboratories, Inc. ( Specialty ), to be held on January 30, 2006. **Specialty's board of directors recommends that you vote FOR both items on the agenda.**

Approval of the merger requires the affirmative vote of a majority of both the outstanding shares and the shares not held by continuing investors and their affiliates. **Your vote is important**, no matter how many or how few shares you may own. **Whether or not you have already done so, please vote TODAY by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.**

Very truly yours,

Nicholas R. Simmons

*Senior Vice-President & General Counsel and Inspector of Elections*

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