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# Jan7Merck Animal Health Completes Acquisition of Vallée S.A.

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Broadening Our Comprehensive Portfolio of Animal Health Products for Brazilian Market

Merck Animal Health (known as MSD Animal Health outside the United States and Canada) today announced it has successfully acquired a controlling interest in Vallée S.A., a leading privately-held producer of animal health products in Brazil.

“The combined strength of the two companies under the umbrella of MSD Animal Health will provide customers with a more comprehensive portfolio of products for livestock animals,” said Rick DeLuca, president, Merck Animal Health. “We will continue to seek opportunities like these that complement our business and bring value to our customers.”

## About Merck Animal Health

For over a century, Merck Animal Health has been a global health care leader working to help the world be well. Merck Animal Health, known as MSD outside the United States and Canada, is the global animal health business unit of Merck Animal Health. Through its commitment to the Science of Healthier Animals™, Merck Animal Health offers veterinarians, farmers, pet owners and governments one of the widest range of veterinary pharmaceuticals, vaccines and health management solutions and services. Merck Animal Health is dedicated to preserving and improving the health, well-being and performance of animals. It invests extensively in dynamic and comprehensive R&D resources and a modern, global supply chain. Merck Animal Health is present in more than 50 countries, while

its products are available in some 150 markets. For more information, visit [www.merck-animal-health.com](http://www.merck-animal-health.com) or connect with us on **LinkedIn**, **Facebook** and Twitter at @MerckAH.

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This news release of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J., USA (the “company”) includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of the company’s management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. If underlying assumptions prove inaccurate or risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results may differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

Risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to, general industry conditions and competition; general economic factors, including interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations; the impact of pharmaceutical industry regulation and health care legislation in the United States and internationally; global trends toward health care cost containment; technological advances, new products and patents attained by competitors; challenges inherent in new product development, including obtaining regulatory approval; the company’s ability to accurately predict future market conditions; manufacturing difficulties or delays; financial instability of international economies and sovereign risk; dependence on the effectiveness of the company’s patents and other protections for innovative products; and the exposure to litigation, including patent litigation, and/or regulatory actions.

The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Additional factors that could cause results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in the company’s 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K and the company’s other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) available at the SEC’s Internet site ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

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