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**BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB INVITES OTHERS TO JOIN
IN EXPANSION OF PEDIATRIC AIDS CORPS IN AFRICA**

(PRINCETON, N.J. -- September 27, 2005) At an awards dinner in Washington D.C. tomorrow night, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (NYSE: BMY) Chief Executive Officer Peter R. Dolan will invite other members of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GBC) to join Bristol-Myers Squibb and Baylor College of Medicine in support of the recently created Pediatric AIDS Corp in Africa, a group of U.S. doctors who will soon begin treating many of the thousands of children in the region infected with HIV. Dolan also will thank the GBC for its recognition of the company's community-based programs in *SECURE THE FUTURE*, a \$150 million program to fight AIDS in Africa. Bristol-Myers Squibb will receive the GBC Award for Business Excellence in the Community.

The Baylor/Bristol-Myers Squibb partnership is sending 50 doctors a year for five years to Africa. The doctors, called Bristol-Myers Squibb Fellows, are expected to treat approximately 80,000 children and to train local health care professionals. Some \$22 million from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and \$10 million from Baylor will pay the doctors' living expenses and training and will forgive their medical school loans while they serve in the corps. An additional \$8 million Bristol-Myers Squibb commitment will expand the network of pediatric treatment facilities throughout sub-Saharan Africa. New clinics will be built in Burkina Faso and Uganda, with two others to be constructed at sites yet to be determined in the developing world. They will join a network anchored by the Botswana/Baylor Children's Clinical Center of Excellence, the largest treatment

facility for children with HIV/AIDS in the world, and two others that are under construction in Lesotho and Swaziland.

“We want to work collaboratively to bring as many pediatricians to Africa as possible to help the thousands of HIV-infected children who will otherwise die from AIDS every week,” said Mr. Dolan. “Bristol-Myers Squibb and Baylor College of Medicine are funding 250 doctors over the next five years, many of whom will work in the network of children’s clinics we are building and staffing in Africa, as well as in more isolated areas devastated by HIV/AIDS. The need is great for additional resources as well, and we have the capacity to accommodate those resources in our clinics and elsewhere, so we welcome commitments by other companies to fund one or more physicians for this specialized corps.”

Bristol-Myers Squibb remains committed to expanding access to treatment. The company also recently reduced the price of its pediatric formulations of HIV medicines in the world’s least developed countries.

In 1999, Bristol-Myers Squibb and its Foundation launched *SECURE THE FUTURE*, then a \$100 million commitment to help alleviate the HIV/AIDS crisis among women and children in sub-Saharan Africa. Over the years, the program has funded more than 200 grants providing medical care and research, infrastructure- and capacity-building and community outreach and education in ten hard-hit countries in southern and West Africa.

Through *SECURE THE FUTURE*, Ministries of Health, medical institutions, health care professionals, non-governmental, community-based and faith-based organizations have worked together to build sustainable models to address medical, educational and community outreach needs in southern and West Africa. In addition to the Children’s Clinical Centers of Excellence, other programs developed and operated through grants include: a Community-Based Treatment Support Program for sustainable care, with sites in South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia and Mali; and the BMS Foundation NGO Training Institute focusing on capacity-building in five southern African nations.

In addition to its commitment in Africa, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation funds programs through its Global HIV/AIDS Initiative in Thailand, Vietnam, Mexico, Russia, the Ukraine and France.

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