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TRI Manages and Provides Technical, Logistical, and Communications Support to the USTDA Orientation Visit on Pharmaceutical Regulations for Chilean Officials

Bethesda, Maryland – April 20-27, 2008, TRI manages and provides technical, logistical, and communications support to the U.S. Trade Development Agency (USTDA) Orientation Visit on Pharmaceutical Regulations for Chilean Officials. Equity, participation, solidarity and quality are the four pillars of the Chilean Healthcare Planning Objectives between 2000 and 2010. The Chilean pharmaceutical market is the sixth largest market in the region after Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, and Colombia. Chile's local industry satisfies about 90 percent of the country's public health sector and is a relevant source of employment. The pharmacy sector was valued at US\$698.5 million at manufacturers' prices in 2004. Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standards are being met and bioequivalence for generic drugs will be performed on 16 selected active ingredients between 2005 and 2009.

Chile's intellectual property regime is basically compatible with international norms, and industry representatives have welcomed government enforcement efforts. The objective of this Orientation Visit is to provide the Chilean delegation with information regarding the regulation and registration of pharmaceuticals in the United States and emphasizes the role of intellectual property rights protection in the pharmaceutical industry.

TRI aides in the accomplishment of this objective by managing and organizing the logistical details of the visit, and providing technical information about the U.S. pharmaceutical industry. TRI identifies and contacts government agencies, associations, and private corporations involved in the drug development processes, so they can meet with the Chilean delegation. As part of this effort, TRI conducts in depth market research of the industry to provide a briefing on U.S. pharmaceutical regulations and standards as well as background information on the agencies and companies, with which they have scheduled meetings.

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