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Optison Re-launch in the U.S. Market

Dear Customer :

It is with great pleasure that I'm able to inform you that our ultrasound contrast agent Optison™ (Perflutren Protein-Type A Microspheres Injectable Suspension, USP) will be returning to the market in September/October after a voluntary recall. The product composition is exactly the same as before the recall.

As you may recall, this product was voluntarily recalled in November 2005, after an FDA inspection of our contract manufacturer, Mallinckrodt Inc, raised concerns about Mallinckrodt's manufacturing practices in their Maryland Heights, Missouri facility.

GE Healthcare has worked closely with Mallinckrodt to address all the manufacturing issues. Among the actions taken are establishment of a new filling line, upgraded facilities as well as improvement of manufacturing routines and handling procedures. FDA has approved the changes and the return of Optison to the marketplace.

GE Healthcare conducted a medical evaluation of the circumstances surrounding this recall and has concluded that the probability of serious adverse events related to the use of the product is remote. We have not received any customer complaints that would raise a product sterility concern, nor have we received any related adverse events reports. In 2005 we distributed more than 160,000 doses of Optison and very few reports of adverse reactions were received. Over the years more than 1 million doses of Optison have been administered and the product has proven to be safe and effective.

We want to thank our customers for the encouragement to get Optison back on the market and apologize for any inconvenience the product recall may have caused you. We welcome previous customers back and encourage new customers to try Optison.

Sincerely,

Anders Wold
Vice President & General Manager
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Attachment: Package Insert -July 2006