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Online Magazine From Merck Provides the Story Behind the Story

Darmstadt, March 9, 2010 – How are the World Health Organization and Merck KGaA cooperating to fight the parasitic disease schistosomiasis? Why is the trace element iodine so important in our diet? And how can protein drugs reach patients safely? These are three of the latest topics in “M – The Explorer Magazine,” with which Merck, the Darmstadt-based pharmaceutical and chemical company, is encouraging website visitors to go on a voyage of exploration. The online medium provides insights into the company and tells exciting stories about the stories making news using a journalistic and multimedia approach. “M – The Explorer Magazine” from Merck is accessible online at www.merck.de/explorermagazine.

The online magazine features easily understandable, journalistic articles as well as exciting and moving reports about real people. Multimedia features such as video clips, photo galleries, info graphics and pod casts complement the articles. Visitors can obtain additional information by using the interactive elements and cross-references to more detailed content on the Merck homepage and other websites.

The magazine is accessible online in German and English. The target group is everyone interested in reading about Merck, its products, people, social responsibility, history as well as multifaceted stories behind the scenes of this global company. New articles are added to the range of topics covered by “M” on a monthly basis.

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