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Merck KGaA Successfully Prices a Three-Tranche Euro Benchmark Bond Transaction

Darmstadt, Germany, March 17, 2010 – Merck KGaA today successfully issued a Eurobond.

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