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United Drug announces new COO appointment

United Drug plc (the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Brendan McAtamney as Chief Operating Officer with effect from 1 September 2013. Brendan will be based at United Drug's headquarters in Dublin. He joins from Abbott Laboratories Inc. (NYSE:ABT) where he has worked for the last seventeen years in a variety of Global and European leadership positions. Most recently he was Vice President Commercial for the Established Pharmaceutical Division of Abbott, based in Basel Switzerland.

In his role, Brendan will focus on enhancing business performance across the three divisions within United Drug; Sales, Marketing and Medical, Healthcare Supply Chain and Packaging and Specialty. Brendan will also work with the executive leadership team to enhance and expand the overall service offering provided by the Company.

"We are delighted to welcome Brendan to United Drug. His expertise in key global markets and depth of experience across the broader pharmaceutical value chain will be extremely valuable as we continue to expand and internationalise our professional healthcare outsourced solutions." said United Drug's CEO Liam FitzGerald.

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About United Drug plc

Listed on the London Stock Exchange, United Drug is a leading international provider of services to healthcare manufacturers and pharmaceutical retailers, with operations in over 20 countries including: the UK, Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, and the USA.

The Company operates across three divisions, Sales, Marketing & Medical, Healthcare Supply Chain, and Packaging & Specialty.

In the Sales, Marketing & Medical division, United Drug is a global leader in the provision of contract sales outsourcing services to pharmaceutical manufacturers with operations in major markets including Continental Europe, the UK, North America and a presence in South

America. United Drug also provides related marketing services to pharmaceutical manufacturers in many of these markets.

In Healthcare Supply Chain, United Drug is the largest pharmaceutical wholesaler in the island of Ireland. It is also the market leader in contract distribution outsourcing (pre-wholesaling) in Ireland and has achieved the No. 1 position in the UK through its joint venture business, UniDrug Distribution Group (UDG). The Company provides special medicines manufacturing and distribution services in the UK. Through its medical & scientific operations, United Drug provides sales & marketing and technical service solutions, including contract distribution services to a wide range of medical & scientific equipment & consumable manufacturers, with a market leading position in Ireland and an emerging presence in the UK.

In the Packaging & Specialty division United Drug is a leading international provider of pharmaceutical contract packaging and clinical trials materials services with facilities in the US, UK, Dutch and Belgian markets. The Company also provides specialty distribution and homecare services in the UK and Ireland.

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