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CHARLES RIVER ANNOUNCES FOURTH-QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR 2007 RESULTS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

- Strong Customer Demand Drives Double-Digit Sales and Earnings Growth -
- Fourth-Quarter Sales Increase 17.0% and Full Year Rises 16.3% to \$1.23 Billion -
 - Fourth-Quarter GAAP EPS of \$0.55 and Non-GAAP EPS of \$0.65 -
 - 2007 GAAP EPS of \$2.29 and Non-GAAP EPS of \$2.62 Exceed Company Guidance -

WILMINGTON, MA, February 11, 2008 – Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (NYSE: CRL) today reported its results for the fourth-quarter and full-year 2007. For the fourth quarter, net sales from continuing operations increased 17.0% to \$318.0 million from \$271.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2006. Both the Research Models and Services (RMS) and Preclinical Services (PCS) business segments reported strong net sales growth, as pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies continued to invest in basic research and increased their strategic use of outsourced drug development services. Foreign exchange contributed 4.2% to the net sales growth.

On a GAAP basis, net income from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$38.9 million, or \$0.55 per diluted share, compared to \$31.8 million, or \$0.47 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2006. The 17.0% increase in earnings per share resulted primarily from higher sales.

On a non-GAAP basis, net income from continuing operations was \$45.9 million for the fourth quarter of 2007, compared to \$39.0 million for the same period in 2006. Fourth-quarter diluted earnings per share on a non-GAAP basis were \$0.65, an increase of 12.1% compared to \$0.58 per share in the fourth quarter of 2006. Non-GAAP earnings per share in the fourth quarter of 2007 excluded \$9.1 million of amortization of intangible assets related to acquisitions, a charge of \$4.6 million for impairment and other charges related to the Company's exit from its preclinical facility in Worcester, Massachusetts, and a benefit of \$2.1 million resulting from a deferred tax revaluation. For the fourth quarter of 2006, non-GAAP results excluded \$9.8 million of amortization of intangible assets and stock-based

compensation related to acquisitions and \$0.9 million of charges related to cost-savings initiatives.

James C. Foster, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "A strong fourth-quarter performance capped a tremendous 2007 for Charles River, during which we clearly demonstrated the strength of our business model and the value that we provide to our global client base. Our financial results for the quarter and year reflect our continued focus on our core competencies of laboratory animal medicine and science and regulatory compliant preclinical services, coupled with aggressive investment to expand and strengthen our infrastructure to meet our clients' needs. As a result, we are better positioned, both today and for the future, to partner with our clients at this critical inflection point when they are increasingly adopting strategic outsourcing as a means to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of their drug development efforts. And increasingly, they are selecting Charles River to play an integral role in accelerating these efforts. With robust demand for our products and services, we see significant opportunities for continued growth in both our RMS and PCS businesses. As a result, we are reaffirming our 2008 guidance of sales growth in a range of 10% to 13%, GAAP earnings per share in a range of \$2.59 to \$2.69 and non-GAAP earnings per share in a range of \$2.87 to \$2.97."

Research Models and Services (RMS)

Sales for the RMS segment were \$145.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2007, an increase of 13.7% from \$127.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2006. Sales growth was driven by strong demand for research models in the United States and Europe, worldwide Transgenic Services, and In Vitro products.

In the fourth quarter of 2007, the RMS segment's GAAP operating margin increased to 27.1% compared to 25.6% in the fourth quarter of 2006. On a non-GAAP basis, which excluded charges of \$0.7 million for acquisition-related amortization, the operating margin was 27.6% compared to 26.3% for the same period in the prior year. The improvement was due primarily to higher sales.

Preclinical Services (PCS)

Fourth-quarter net sales for the PCS segment were \$172.9 million, an increase of 20.0% from \$144.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2006. Continuing strong demand for general and specialty toxicology services from pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers was the primary factor which contributed to the sales growth. The addition of Northwest Kinetics' Phase I clinical services business, which was acquired on October 30, 2006, also contributed to the sales growth.

As expected, the additional costs associated with the transition to the new preclinical facilities in Massachusetts and Nevada and the negative impact of foreign exchange in Canada resulted in lower operating margins for the PCS segment. In the fourth quarter of 2007, the new Massachusetts facility reported a full quarter's costs compared to minimal costs in the fourth quarter of the prior year, and we also incurred operating costs in the new Nevada facility. The

fourth-quarter GAAP operating margin declined to 13.1% from 16.0% in the same period in the prior year. On a non-GAAP basis, which excludes \$8.3 million of acquisition-related amortization and \$4.6 million of impairment and other charges associated with the Company's exit from its Worcester, Massachusetts facility, the operating margin declined to 20.6% from 22.7% in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Full-Year Results

For 2007, net sales from continuing operations increased by 16.3% to \$1.23 billion, from \$1.06 billion in 2006. Foreign exchange contributed approximately 2.9% to the sales growth rate.

On a GAAP basis, 2007 net income from continuing operations was \$157.6 million compared to \$125.2 million in 2006, an increase of 25.8%, and earnings per diluted share increased 27.9% to \$2.29 from \$1.79 in 2006.

On a non-GAAP basis, net income from continuing operations for 2007 was \$180.2 million, compared to \$154.2 million for 2006, an increase of 16.9%. Earnings per diluted share for 2007 were \$2.62, an increase of 19.1% from \$2.20 in 2006. In 2007, non-GAAP net income excluded \$33.6 million of amortization and stock-based compensation costs associated with acquisitions, a charge of \$6.3 million related to the Company's exit of its preclinical facility in Worcester, Massachusetts, and a charge of \$0.8 million related to pre-acquisition Inveresk stock compensation taxes. Non-GAAP results also excluded a \$2.0 million gain on the sale of real estate in Scotland and a benefit of \$3.0 million resulting from a deferred tax revaluation. Non-GAAP net income for 2006 excluded acquisition-related charges of \$38.3 million and charges of \$6.2 million related to cost-savings initiatives.

Research Models and Services (RMS)

For 2007, RMS net sales were \$577.2 million, an increase of 12.1% from net sales of \$515.0 million in 2006. The RMS segment's GAAP operating margin was 30.7% in 2007, compared to 28.7% for the prior year. On a non-GAAP basis, the operating margin was 31.0% compared to 29.4% in 2006.

Preclinical Services (PCS)

For 2007, PCS net sales were \$653.4 million, an increase of 20.2% over the \$543.4 million reported in 2006. On a GAAP basis, the PCS segment operating margin was 15.8% in 2007, compared to 15.2% in the prior year. On a non-GAAP basis, the operating margin was 21.5% in 2007 compared to 22.6% in 2006.

2008 Guidance

The Company reaffirms its forward-looking guidance for 2008, which was originally provided on December 12, 2007.

2008 GUIDANCE	
Net sales growth (in %)	10% - 13%
GAAP EPS estimate	\$2.59 - \$2.69
Amortization of intangible assets	\$0.28
Non-GAAP EPS estimate	\$2.87 - \$2.97

Discontinued Operations

Discontinued operations included both the Interventional and Surgical Services business, the closure of which was finalized in the third quarter of 2007, and the Phase II-IV clinical services business, which the Company sold in the third quarter of 2006.

In the fourth quarter of 2007, the net loss from discontinued operations was \$2.0 million. Including discontinued operations, net income for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$36.9 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$35.2 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2006.

For 2007, including a loss of \$3.1 million from discontinued operations, net income was \$154.4 million, or \$2.25 per diluted share, compared to a net loss of \$55.8 million, or \$0.80 per diluted share, for 2006. The loss in the prior year was due in part to a \$129.2 million goodwill impairment recorded in the first quarter of 2006 related to the sale of the Clinical Phase II-IV business.

Webcast

Charles River Laboratories has scheduled a live webcast on Wednesday, February 12, at 8:30 a.m. ET to discuss matters relating to this press release. To participate, please go to ir.criver.com and select the webcast link. You can also find the associated slide presentation and reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to comparable GAAP financial measures on the website.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release contains non-GAAP financial measures, such as non-GAAP earnings per diluted share from continuing operations, which exclude amortization of intangible assets and other charges related to our acquisitions, impairments due to our accelerated exit from our Worcester Preclinical Services facility, charges related to pre-acquisition Inveresk stock compensation charges, a deferred tax revaluation, and the gain on the sale of real estate in Scotland. We exclude these items from the non-GAAP financial measures because they are outside our normal operations. There are limitations in using non-GAAP financial measures, as they are not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and may be different than non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. In particular,

we believe that the inclusion of supplementary non-GAAP financial measures in this press release helps investors to gain a meaningful understanding of our core operating results and future prospects without the effect of one-time charges, and is consistent with how management measures and forecasts the Company's performance, especially when comparing such results to prior periods or forecasts. We believe that the financial impact of our acquisitions is often large relative to our overall financial performance, which can adversely affect the comparability of our results on a period-to-period basis. In addition, certain activities, such as business acquisitions, happen infrequently and the underlying costs associated with such activities do not recur. Non-GAAP results also allow investors to compare the Company's operations against the financial results of other companies in the industry who similarly provide non-GAAP results. The non-GAAP financial measures included in this press release are not meant to be considered superior to or a substitute for results of operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company intends to continue to assess the potential value of reporting non-GAAP results consistent with applicable rules and regulations. Reconciliations of the non-GAAP financial measures used in this press release to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are set forth in the text of this press release, and can also be found on the Company's website at ir.criver.com.

Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This news release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "will," "may," "estimate," "plan," "outlook," and "project" and other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. These statements also include statements regarding our projected 2008 earnings; the future demand for drug discovery and development products and services, including the outsourcing of these services; the impact of specific actions intended to improve overall operating efficiencies and profitability; the timing of the opening of new and expanded facilities; future cost reduction activities by our customers; and Charles River's future performance as delineated in our forward-looking guidance, and particularly our expectations with respect to sales growth. Forward-looking statements are based on Charles River's current expectations and beliefs, and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and that could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated or implied by the forward-looking statements. Those risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: a decrease in research and development spending, a decrease in the level of outsourced services, or other cost reduction actions by our customers; the ability to convert backlog to sales; special interest groups; contaminations; industry trends; new displacement technologies; USDA and FDA regulations; changes in law; continued availability of products and supplies; loss of key personnel; interest rate and foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; changes in tax regulation and laws; changes in generally accepted accounting principles; and any changes in business, political, or economic conditions due to the threat of future terrorist activity in the U.S. and other parts of the world, and related U.S. military action overseas. A further description of these risks, uncertainties, and other matters can be found in the Risk Factors detailed in Charles River's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed on February 27, 2007, as well as other filings we make

with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Because forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, actual results and events may differ materially from results and events currently expected by Charles River, and Charles River assumes no obligation and expressly disclaims any duty to update information contained in this news release except as required by law.

About Charles River

Accelerating Drug Development. Exactly. Charles River provides essential products and services to help pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, government agencies and leading academic institutions around the globe accelerate their research and drug development efforts. Our more than 8,500 employees worldwide are focused on providing clients with exactly what they need to improve and expedite the discovery, development through first-in-human evaluation, and safe manufacture of new therapies for the patients who need them. To learn more about our unique portfolio and breadth of services, visit www.criver.com.

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CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

 $(dollars\ in\ thousands,\ except\ for\ per\ share\ data)$

	Three Months Ended				Twelve Mo	hs Ended				
	De	ecember 29, 2007	December 30, 2006		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		De	December 29, 2007		ecember 30, 2006
Total net sales	\$	318,028	\$	271,725	\$	1,230,626	\$	1,058,385		
Cost of products sold and services provided		200,265		169,995	_	752,435		651,778		
Gross margin		117,763		101,730		478,191		406,607		
Selling, general and administrative		56,535		46,819		217,491		180,795		
Amortization of intangibles	_	9,094	_	9,757	_	33,509		37,639		
Operating income		52,134		45,154		227,191		188,173		
Interest income (expense)		(1,339)		(2,309)		(8,321)		(12,590)		
Other income (expense)	_	333	_	1,624		(1,448)		981		
Income before income taxes and minority interests		51,128		44,469		217,422		176,564		
Provision for income taxes		12,181		12,568	_	59,400		49,738		
Income before minority interests		38,947		31,901		158,022		126,826		
Minority interests	_	1	_	(109)	_	(470)	_	(1,605)		
Income from continuing operations		38,948		31,792		157,552		125,221		
Loss from discontinued businesses, net of tax		(2,038)		3,397		(3,146)	_	(181,004)		
Net income (loss)	\$	36.910	\$	35.189	\$	154.406	\$	(55.783)		
Earnings (loss) per common share										
Basic:										
Continuing operations	\$	0.58	\$	0.48	\$	2.35	\$	1.82		
Discontinued operations	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.05	\$	(0.05)	\$	(2.63)		
Net income	\$	0.55	\$	0.53	\$	2.31	\$	(0.81)		
Diluted:										
Continuing operations	\$	0.55	\$	0.47	\$	2.29	\$	1.79		
Discontinued operations	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.05	\$	(0.05)	\$	(2.59)		
Net income	\$	0.52	\$	0.52	\$	2.25	\$	(0.80)		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding Basic		67,320,340		66,257,695		66,960,515		68,945,622		
Diluted		70,525,144		67,450,735		68,735,936		69,948,032		

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

(dollars in thousands)

	Dec	cember 29, 2007	De	cember 30, 2006		
Assets						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	225,449	\$	175,380		
Trade receivables, net		213,908		202,658		
Inventories		88,023		72,362		
Other current assets		79,477		44,363		
Current assets of discontinued businesses		1,007		6,330		
Total current assets		607,864		501,093		
Property, plant and equipment, net		748,793		534,745		
Goodwill, net		1,120,540		1,119,309		
Other intangibles, net		148,905		160,204		
Deferred tax asset		89,255		107,498		
Other assets		85,993		133,944		
Long-term assets of discontinued businesses		4,187		751		
Total assets	\$	2,805,537	\$	2,557,544		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity						
Current liabilities						
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	25,051	\$	24,977		
Accounts payable		36,715		28,223		
Accrued compensation		53,359		41,651		
Deferred revenue		102,021		93,197		
Accrued liabilities		61,366		41,991		
Other current liabilities		23,268		25,625		
Current liabilities of discontinued businesses		748		3,667		
Total current liabilities		302,528		259,331		
Long-term debt		484,998		547,084		
Other long-term liabilities		154,044		146,695		
Total liabilities		941,570		953,110		
Minority interests		3,500		9,223		
Total shareholders' equity		1,860,467		1,595,211		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	2,805,537	\$	2,557,544		

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. SELECTED BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

(dollars in thousands)

		Three Months Ended				Twelve Months Ended						
		cember 29,	Dec	cember 30,	De	cember 29,	December 30,					
		2007		2006		2007	2006					
Research Models and Services												
Net sales	\$	145,153	\$	127,651	\$	577,231	\$	514,999				
Gross margin		59,177		50,358		249,348		214,125				
Gross margin as a % of net sales		40.8%		39.4%		43.2%		41.6%				
Operating income		39,288		32,619		177,151		147,789				
Operating income as a % of net sales		27.1%		25.6%		30.7%		28.7%				
Depreciation and amortization		6,366		5,345		23,378		20,802				
Capital expenditures		20,671		14,737		51,086		27,018				
Preclinical Services												
Net sales	\$	172,875	\$	144,074	\$	653,395	\$	543,386				
Gross margin		58,586		51,372		228,843		192,482				
Gross margin as a % of net sales		33.9%		35.7%		35.0%		35.4%				
Operating income		22,678		23,034		103,541		82,323				
Operating income as a % of net sales		13.1%		16.0%		15.8%		15.2%				
Depreciation and amortization		16,908		16,482		63,001		61,784				
Capital expenditures		68,694		67,249		175,950		154,728				
Unallocated Corporate Overhead	\$	(9,832)	\$	(10,499)	\$	(53,501)	\$	(41,939)				
Total												
Net sales	\$	318,028	\$	271,725	\$	1,230,626	\$	1,058,385				
Gross margin		117,763		101,730		478,191		406,607				
Gross margin as a % of net sales		37.0%		37.4%		38.9%		38.4%				
Operating income (loss)		52,134		45,154		227,191		188,173				
Operating income as a % of net sales		16.4%		16.6%		18.5%		17.8%				
Depreciation and amortization		23,274		21,827		86,379		82,586				
Capital expenditures		89,365		81,986		227,036		181,746				

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP

SELECTED BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

(dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended				Twelve Months Ended					
		ember 29, 2007	December 30, 2006		De	cember 29, 2007	December 30, 2006			
Research Models and Services										
Net sales	\$	145,153	\$	127,651	\$	577,231	\$	514,999		
Operating income		39,288		32,619		177,151		147,789		
Operating income as a % of net sales		27.1%		25.6%		30.7%		28.7%		
Add back:										
Amortization related to acquisitions		748		191		1,873		461		
Impairment and other charges				781				3,115		
Operating income, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	\$	40,036	\$	33,591	\$	179,024	\$	151,365		
Non-GAAP operating income as a % of net sales		27.6%		26.3%		31.0%		29.4%		
Preclinical Services										
Net sales	\$	172,875	\$	144,074	\$	653,395	\$	543,386		
Operating income		22,678		23,034		103,541		82,323		
Operating income as a % of net sales		13.1%		16.0%		15.8%		15.2%		
Add back:										
Amortization related to acquisitions		8,346		9,566		31,636		37,178		
Impairment and other charges		4,587		124		6,269		3,090		
Gain on sale of UK real estate		-		-		(2,047)		-		
Pre-acquisition Inveresk stock compensation taxes		-				845				
Operating income, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	\$	35,611	\$	32,724	\$	140,244	\$	122,591		
Non-GAAP operating income as a % of net sales		20.6%		22.7%		21.5%		22.6%		
Unallocated Corporate Overhead	\$	(9,832)	\$	(10,499)	\$	(53,501)	\$	(41,939)		
Add back:										
Stock-based compensation related to Inveresk acquisition		<u> </u>		70		94		635		
Unallocated corporate overhead, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	\$	(9,832)	\$	(10,429)	\$	(53,407)	\$	(41,304)		
Total										
Net sales	\$	318,028	\$	271,725	\$	1,230,626	\$	1,058,385		
Operating income		52,134		45,154		227,191		188,173		
Operating income as a % of net sales		16.4%		16.6%		18.5%		17.8%		
Add back:										
Amortization related to acquisitions		9,094		9,757		33,509		37,639		
Stock-based compensation related to Inveresk acquisition		-		70		94		635		
Impairment and other charges		4,587		905		6,269		6,205		
Gain on sale of UK real estate		-		-		(2,047)		-		
Pre-acquisition Inveresk stock compensation taxes						845				
Operating income, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	\$	65,815	\$	55,886	\$	265,861	\$	232,652		
Non-GAAP operating income as a % of net sales		20.7%		20.6%		21.6%		22.0%		

Charles River management believes that supplementary non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to allow investors to gain a meaningful understanding of our core operating results and future prospects, without the effect of one-time charges, consistent with the manner in which management measures and forecasts the Company's performance. The supplementary non-GAAP financial measures included are not meant to be considered superior to, or a substitute for results of operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company intends to continue to assess the potential value of reporting non-GAAP results consistent with applicable rules and regulations.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP EARNINGS TO NON-GAAP EARNINGS

(dollars in thousands, except for per share data)

	Three Mo December 29, 2007		onths Ended December 30, 2006		Twelve Mo December 29, 2007		onths Ended December 30, 2006	
Net income (loss)	\$	36,910	\$	35,189	\$	154,406	\$	(55,783)
Less: Discontinued operations	_	2,038	_	(3,397)	_	3,146	_	181,004
Net income from continuing operations		38,948		31,792		157,552		125,221
Add back:		0.004		0.555		22.500		27. 520
Amortization related to acquisitions		9,094		9,757		33,509		37,639
Stock-based compensation related to Inveresk acquisition		-		70		94		635
Impairment and other charges Gain on sale of UK real estate		4,587		905		6,269		6,205
		-		-		(2,047)		-
Pre-acquisition Inveresk stock compensation taxes		(2.104)		-		845		-
Deferred tax revaluation Tax effect		(2,104)		(2.406)		(3,011)		(15.51.4)
	_	(4,622)	_	(3,496)	_	(12,984)	_	(15,514)
Net income from continuing operations, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$</u>	45,903	<u>\$</u>	39,028	\$	180,227	\$	154,186
Weighted average shares outstanding - Basic Effect of dilutive securities:		67,320,340		66,257,695		66,960,515		68,945,622
2.25% senior convertible debentures		1,419,547		_		481,136		_
Stock options and contingently issued restricted stock		1,517,587		1,061,094		1,160,369		867,204
Warrants		267,670		131,946		133,916		135,206
Weighted average shares outstanding - Diluted		70,525,144		67,450,735		68,735,936		69,948,032
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.55	¢	0.53	\$	2.31	\$	(0.81)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ \$	0.53		0.52	\$	2.25	\$	` /
Diffued earnings (1088) per snare	Ф	0.52	Ф	0.32	Ф	2.23	Ф	(0.80)
Basic earnings per share, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	\$	0.68	\$	0.59	\$	2.69	\$	2.24
Diluted earnings per share, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	\$	0.65	\$	0.58	\$	2.62	\$	2.20

Charles River management believes that supplementary non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to allow investors to gain a meaningful understanding of our core operating results and future prospects, without the effect of one-time charges, consistent with the manner in which management measures and forecasts the Company's performance. The supplementary non-GAAP financial measures included are not meant to be considered superior to, or a substitute for results of operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company intends to continue to assess the potential value of reporting non-GAAP results consistent with applicable rules and regulations.