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Dade Behring CEO Jim Reid-Anderson Elected New Board Chairman

Deerfield, IL (October 21, 2002)– Dade Behring, OTC: DBEH, one of the world's leading global diagnostics companies, today announced that its Board of Directors has unanimously elected Jim Reid-Anderson, the company's President and Chief Executive Officer, to the additional position of Chairman of the Board.

The Board noted that Reid-Anderson and his experienced management team have created strong business momentum and a solid financial foundation for the company. This additional position reflects the Board's confidence in Reid-Anderson's continued leadership of Dade Behring as it moves forward as a public company focused on creating value for its shareholders, customers, employees and communities.

Reid-Anderson was appointed to the positions of President and Chief Executive Officer of Dade Behring in September 2000. Under his leadership, the company has, over the past six quarters, recorded steady growth in revenues, EBITDA and cashflow. Between November 2000 and October 2002, Dade Behring initiated and successfully completed a financial restructuring which reduced its debt by approximately fifty percent. During the same period, the company gained market share in all core products and established competitive advantages in products and service that form the foundation of its current business strategy.

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Reid-Anderson joined the company in 1996 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Dade International and became Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer in September 1997, responsible for all headquarters functions on the merger of Dade and Behring. In April 1999, Reid-Anderson moved into the role of President and Chief Operating Officer, focusing on enhancing the operations of the company.

Prior to joining Dade Behring, Reid-Anderson held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility at Wilson Sporting Goods, Pepsico, Inc., Grand Metropolitan PLC and Mobil Oil Corporation, with roles based in Europe, Asia and North America.

Reid-Anderson is a fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants and holds a degree with honors from the University of Birmingham in England. Reid-Anderson has over twenty years of broad business experience and is a board member of Trustmark Insurance Company and the Montessori School of Lake Forest, in addition to Dade Behring.

With 2001 revenues of \$1.2 billion, Dade Behring is among the world's largest clinical diagnostics companies. It offers a wide range of products and systems for diagnostics testing, making it today's best resource in this field. The company is headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois, and has operations in 43 countries. Additional company information is available on the internet at www.dadebehring.com.

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