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TO: PHARMACEUTICAL ANALYSTS

DATE: 12/01/04

Continuing its past practice, Merck & Co., Inc. will conduct a conference call and webcast on Wednesday, December 8th, 2004 to discuss the Company's 2005 financial guidance. A press release will be issued that morning, prior to the start of the conference call.

The conference call will begin at 9:00 a.m. EST. Institutional investors and analysts should call (913) 981-5542. Journalists are invited to listen only by calling (913) 981-5509. Upon the conclusion of the analysts' call, journalists who wish to ask questions are invited to call media relations.

A replay of the call will be available starting at 1:00 p.m. EST on December 8th, 2004 through 5:00 p.m. EST on December 13th, 2004. To listen to the replay, dial (719) 457-0820 or (888) 203-1112 and enter ID # 880292.

A live audio webcast of the conference call also will be available to all interested parties via the company web site. Those wishing to listen live to the conference call should go to the Merck web site (www.merck.com) and click on the Investor Information tab. Software needed to listen to the webcast is available on the corporate web site and should be downloaded prior to the beginning of the webcast. A replay of the webcast will be available starting at approximately 1:00 p.m. EST on December 8th, 2004 through 5:00 p.m. EST on December 13th, 2004.

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