

AmerisourceBergen Acquires Minority Interest in Profarma Distribuidora de Produtos Farmacêuticos S.A.

March 24, 2014

Establishes a Joint Venture for Specialty Distribution in Brazil

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 24, 2014-- AmerisourceBergen Corporation (NYSE:ABC) today announced that it has reached a definitive agreement to acquire a minority stake in Profarma Distribuidora de Produtos Farmacêuticos S.A. (Profarma), a leading pharmaceutical wholesaler in Brazil. In addition, AmerisourceBergen and Profarma will establish a joint venture for specialty distribution and services. The Company expects to invest a total of approximately \$100 million, and the transaction is expected to close in the June quarter of 2014. AmerisourceBergen does not expect the transaction to have a meaningful impact to its adjusted earnings per share from continuing operations for fiscal 2014.

"We are very excited to partner with Profarma as we continue to expand our reach into growing international markets," said Steven H. Collis, President and Chief Executive Officer of AmerisourceBergen. "With its long-term macroeconomic growth outlook, favorable demographics, and increasing access to healthcare services and specialty pharmaceuticals, the Brazilian market affords us a tremendous opportunity to expand our international offerings. Profarma's success in the wholesale distribution, chain and independent retail, and specialty markets, combined with our expertise in specialty distribution and manufacturer services provides a compelling opportunity to shape the delivery of healthcare in Brazil."

Sammy Birmarcker, Chief Executive Officer of Profarma, highlighted the positive effects that the association with AmerisourceBergen should bring for the operations of Profarma Specialty, such as access to new medicines, equipment, services and practices that currently do not exist in Brazil. "We hope the country will soon be able to benefit from the technological advances that are already available to the specialty pharmaceutical distribution industry in more evolved markets abroad," emphasized Birmarcker. "We believe that the experience acquired by Profarma over the course of its 52 years of activities, combined with the technology and expertise of AmerisourceBergen in rendering new services, will provide a favorable environment for the development of Profarma Specialty in Brazil," he concluded.

AmerisourceBergen will purchase up to a 19.9% minority stake by offering R\$22.50 per share for shares offered in a primary offering by Profarma. The specialty distribution joint venture will include Profarma's existing specialty businesses and an equity investment from AmerisourceBergen, and each company will own a 50% stake in the joint venture.

About AmerisourceBergen

AmerisourceBergen is one of the largest global pharmaceutical sourcing and distribution services companies, helping both healthcare providers and pharmaceutical and biotech manufacturers improve patient access to products and enhance patient care. With services ranging from drug distribution and niche premium logistics to reimbursement and pharmaceutical consulting services, AmerisourceBergen delivers innovative programs and solutions across the pharmaceutical supply channel. With over \$100 billion in annualized revenue, AmerisourceBergen is headquartered in Valley Forge, PA, and employs approximately 13,000 people. AmerisourceBergen is ranked #32 on the Fortune 500 list. For more information, go to www.amerisourcebergen.com.

About Profarma Distribuidora de Produtos Farmacêuticos S.A.

Profarma Distribuidora de Produtos Farmacêuticos S.A. has been engaged for 52 years in the distribution of pharmaceuticals, personal care products and cosmetics in Brazil's most populous states. In 2013, with the acquisition of the retail chains Drogasmil/Farmalife and Tamoio, it became one of the largest mixed distributors in Latin America and the largest in Brazil. With 12 Distribution Centers, Profarma markets approximately 18.0 million units per month and serves around 33,000 sales outlets. In the pharmaceutical retail market, it is the tenth largest chain in Brazil, with 140 stores in Rio de Janeiro. Covering a geographic area that corresponds to 93.5% of the consumer market for pharmaceutical products in Brazil, Profarma with its specialized and committed team, aims to be Brazil's largest and most profitable mixed distributor of pharmaceutical products by delivering consistent and sustainable results, maintaining low operating costs, strengthening its competitive advantages and maximizing value for its stockholders. For more information, go to www.Profarma.com.br.

AmerisourceBergen's Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain of the statements contained in this news release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Words such as "expect," "likely," "outlook," "forecast," "would," "could," "should," "can," "will," "project," "intend," "plan," "continue," "sustain," "synergy," "on track," "believe," "seek," "estimate," "anticipate," "may," "possible," "assume," variations of such words, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and change in circumstances. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are based on assumptions that could prove incorrect or could cause actual results to vary materially from those indicated. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, anticipated, or implied are the following: changes in pharmaceutical market growth rates; the loss of one or more key customer or supplier relationships; the retention of key customer or supplier relationships under less favorable economics; changes in customer mix; customer delinquencies, defaults or insolvencies; supplier defaults or insolvencies; changes in branded and/or generic pharmaceutical manufacturers' pricing and distribution policies or practices; adverse resolution of any contract or other dispute with customers or suppliers; federal and state government enforcement initiatives to detect and prevent suspicious orders of controlled substances and the diversion of controlled substances, federal and state prosecution of alleged violations of related laws and regulations, and any related litigation, including shareholder derivative lawsuits or other disputes relating to our distribution of controlled substances; qui tam litigation for alleged violations of fraud and abuse laws and regulations and/or any other laws and regulations governing the marketing, sale, purchase and/or dispensing of pharmaceutical products or services and any related litigation, including shareholder derivative lawsuits; changes in federal and state legislation or regulatory action affecting pharmaceutical product pricing or reimbursement policies, including under Medicaid and Medicare, and the effect of such changes on our customers; changes in regulatory or clinical medical guidelines and/or labeling for the pharmaceutical products we distribute, including certain anemia products; price inflation in branded and generic pharmaceuticals and price deflation in generics; greater or less than anticipated benefit from launches of the generic versions of previously patented pharmaceutical products; significant breakdown or interruption of our information

technology systems; our inability to realize the anticipated benefits of the implementation of an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system; interest rate and foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; risks associated with international business operations, including non-compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, anti-bribery laws and economic sanctions and import laws and regulations; economic, business, competitive and/or regulatory developments outside of the United States; risks associated with the strategic, long-term relationship among Walgreen Co., Alliance Boots GmbH, and AmerisourceBergen, the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination, cross-termination or modification of any of the transaction documents among the parties (including, among others, the distribution agreement or the generics agreement), an impact on our earnings per share resulting from the issuance of the Warrants, an inability to realize anticipated benefits (including benefits resulting from participation in the Walgreens Boots Alliance Development GmbH joint venture), the disruption of AmerisourceBergen's cash flow and ability to return value to its stockholders in accordance with its past practices, disruption of or changes in vendor, payer and customer relationships and terms, and the reduction of AmerisourceBergen's operational, strategic or financial flexibility; the acquisition of businesses that do not perform as we expect or that are difficult for us to integrate or control; our inability to successfully complete any other transaction that we may wish to pursue from time to time; changes in tax laws or legislative initiatives that could adversely affect our tax positions and/or our tax liabilities or adverse resolution of challenges to our tax positions; increased costs of maintaining, or reductions in our ability to maintain, adequate liquidity and financing sources; volatility and deterioration of the capital and credit markets; natural disasters or other unexpected events that affect our operations; and other economic, business, competitive, legal, tax, regulatory and/or operational factors affecting our business generally. Certain additional factors that management believes could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements are set forth (i) in Item 1A (Risk Factors) and Item 1 (Business) in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 and elsewhere in that report and (ii) in other reports.

Source: AmerisourceBergen Corporation

AmerisourceBergen Corporation
Barbara Brungess, 610-727-7199
Vice President, Corporate & Investor Relations
bbrungess@amerisourcebergen.com