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PHARMANIAGA concession extended

Shah Alam, 4 December, 2009: Pharmaniaga Berhad (“Pharmaniaga”), a member of the UEM Group, today announced the extension of the concession related to the privatisation of the *Makmal Ubat dan Stor* (Medical Laboratory and Store) of the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH).

The agreement in principle by MOH to extend the concession for a further 10 years is subject to terms and conditions which are to be negotiated over a period of six months from 1 December 2009. In the interim, the existing concession agreement has been continued on the current terms.

Pharmaniaga Berhad Managing Director, Mohamad Abdullah said: “We are confident that we will be able to agree on new terms and conditions to secure the renewal of concession. Meanwhile, we are very pleased to have a further six months on the existing terms while we finalise negotiations”

“The Government’s agreement in principle to give us the extension shows their confidence in our services, and enhances our aspirations to improve the national healthcare system for the benefit of the people”, he concluded.

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ABOUT PHARMANIAGA BERHAD

Pharmaniaga Berhad, a member of the UEM Group, is an investment holding company listed in the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia. The Pharmaniaga Group's core businesses are generic pharmaceuticals manufacturing, research and development, marketing and sales, warehousing and distribution of pharmaceutical and medical products as well as supply, trading and installation of medical and hospital equipment.

With a vision to be the premier Malaysian pharmaceuticals company, Pharmaniaga is guided by its philosophy of 'doing business with a conscience' and empowered by its mission of **enriching life together**.

Already operating in 38 sites across 3 countries (Malaysia, Indonesia & Vietnam) the Pharmaniaga Group is poised to be a regional player in the international pharmaceuticals arena.

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