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Parata Completes Acquisition; Expands Durham Headquarters *130 Jobs, \$15 million Investment for Region*

DURHAM, N.C. (July 13, 2006) – Parata Systems LLC today announced the successful close of its acquisition of McKesson Automated Prescription Systems (APS), a former business unit of McKesson Corporation (NYSE: MCK). As part of the announcement, Parata confirmed that it will expand its corporate headquarters in Durham, rather than relocate to one of McKesson APS's locations in Alexandria, La., or Pittsburgh, Pa. A decision regarding the company's manufacturing location is yet to be determined.

Parata's acquisition will bring a projected 130 jobs over the next three years, part of a total \$15 million investment over five years for the corporate operation.

Key to Parata's decision were county and government incentives, including a \$100,000 *One North Carolina Fund grant* and a \$100,000 incentive from Durham County. Further, Parata qualified for the North Carolina New and Expanding Industry Training Incentives, which promotes training to qualify North Carolina employees.

"Parata was founded in Durham, and we attribute the region's robust talent and technical resources as integral to our success," Jess Eberdt, CEO, Parata Systems, says. "The commitment of the Governor to retaining growth businesses like Parata certainly played a role in our decision to maintain our commitment here."

On June 21, Parata Systems was honored by the N.C. Center for Entrepreneurial Development as 2005 Growth Company of the Year.

About Parata Systems

Founded in 2001, Parata System's flagship product, Parata RDS (Robotic Dispensing System), counts 30 tablets/second to accurately process up to 154 prescriptions an hour. In about 20 seconds, Parata RDS selects and labels a vial, fills, caps and sorts by patient last name. Its drug-to-vial accuracy is 100 percent. And at just 12 square feet, the sleek, compact machine is an easy fit in any pharmacy, occupying the space of a single shelving unit. Parata Systems is based in Durham, N.C. Call, click or visit Parata Systems, www.parata.com, info@parata.com, 1-888-PARATA1 (727-2821).
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