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VWR Acquires MESM Ltd.

Acquisition further expands VWR CATALYST Services for Clinical Trial Studies

RADNOR, Pa., April 7, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [VWR](#) (NASDAQ: VWR), the leading global independent provider of product and service solutions to laboratory and production customers, announced today that it has acquired MESM Ltd., a provider of laboratory and medical equipment and ancillary supplies to clinical trials worldwide. Widely respected by customers for its ability to source and supply both standard and non-standard products, MESM's exceptional service levels consistently meet customer needs in large complex global studies where time is critical and equipment supply is key.

"MESM is recognized and valued by many of the world's largest pharmaceutical customers and contract research organizations, including a number of existing VWR customers who currently procure our clinical trial and biorepository services," said Manuel Brocke-Benz, President and CEO of VWR. "Their focus on equipment supply and excellence in supply chain further complements VWR's growing service offering as a part of **VWR CATALYST**, allowing us to better serve our customers in achieving their goals by providing end-to-end product and supply chain solutions."

Founded in 2007, MESM is headquartered in Chorley, UK and operates a second facility in Lakeland, Florida. MESM is ISO9001 certified and is focused exclusively on supporting clinical trials in over 80 countries. Services include equipment sourcing, technical advice and product training, logistics services including import/export compliance, pre-shipment configuration and calibration, in-study equipment servicing and technical support and end-of-study equipment reporting, decommissioning and removal.

Financial details of this acquisition remain confidential.

About VWR

[VWR](#) (NASDAQ: VWR), headquartered in Radnor, Pennsylvania, is the leading global independent provider of product and service solutions to laboratory and production customers. With sales in excess of \$4.5 billion in 2016, VWR enables science for customers in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, industrial, education, government and healthcare industries. With more than 160 years of experience, VWR has cultivated a value proposition delivering product choice, operational excellence and differentiated services to improve our customers' productivity from research to production. VWR's differentiated services provide innovative, flexible and customized solutions from scientific research services to custom-manufactured chemical blends. Our dedicated team of more than 10,200 associates is focused on supporting scientists, medical professionals and production engineers to achieve their goals.

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