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Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., Delivers Methods for Encoding Chemical Structure Information into Barcodes with the Release of ACD/ChemCoder

Toronto, Canada, March 6, 2003 - Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., (ACD/Labs) is the first software company to provide a tool enabling users to encode and retrieve chemical structures and associated data by scanning 2D barcodes. Large volumes of complex data and inventory can be catalogued, differentiated, and controlled with more ease than ever before.

Developed for chemical and pharmaceutical industries, the patented ACD/ChemCoder provides a method of encoding chemical structure information into barcodes resulting in enhanced inventory control and data management systems. The chemical structure drawing program, ACD/ChemSketch, will take a chemical structure and associated information to generate a 2D barcode. When the barcode is scanned, the encoded chemical structure can be displayed either on desktop software or a Palm® OS-based application such as ACD/ChemPalm.

Previously, chemists were unable to visually inspect and confirm the nature of a chemical substance when represented as chemical IDs or systematic nomenclature. ACD/Labs conversion of a barcode to a chemical structure has now made this possible.

"ACD/ChemCoder removes the hurdle of textual interpretation or database retrieval suffered by many chemists who need to translate a name or ID into a chemical structure. Now, a simple barcode scanner can convert the barcode into the associated chemical structure," comments Antony Williams , Ph.D., VP of Scientific Development and Marketing at ACD/Labs.

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