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## **McNeil Consumer Healthcare - Canada Selects VelQuest's SmartLab™ GMP Electronic Notebook System to Provide a Compliant, Paperless QC/QA Operation**

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VelQuest, the developer of a paperless compliance management system for quality operation laboratories and McNeil Consumer Healthcare - Guelph, Ontario, Canada announced today that McNeil Consumer Healthcare - Canada has selected VelQuest's SmartLab™ GMP Electronic Notebook System for their QC/QA lab operations.

"We are excited to be working with VelQuest toward reducing paper-based data documentation and review in our Quality Control Operation" says Roxanne Foreman, Vice President, Quality Sciences & Compliance. "During our initial evaluations, we saw the potential for significant improvement in efficiencies as well as reduction in cycle times for our quality operations while assuring regulatory compliance. With VelQuest's pre-order Business Impact Assessment program we were jointly able to identify and quantify the project scope and the expected benefits accruing from the SmartLab System, which will potentially reduce non-value added and time consuming tasks. With SmartLab, the data will be captured at its source, reviewed electronically and transferred to final reports without many of the checking and re-checking steps needed with a paper-based process."

"The VelQuest SmartLab™ GMP Electronic Notebook System is an innovative software platform solution to a fundamental problem - pharmaceutical development and quality records are frequently paper-based and data documentation and review related activities can consume up to 70% of valuable

human resource in laboratories", says Ken Rapp, President and CEO of VelQuest. "VelQuest's patented technology interacts with scientists in real time and allows the electronic capture of data directly from devices such as balances and pH meters, and PC-controlled instruments, driven by SOP's and test methods."

"We are extremely pleased that McNeil Consumer Healthcare - Canada, has selected our system in their Quality Operations in Guelph," said Steve Prelack, Senior Vice President of VelQuest. "We believe that McNeil's use of our SmartLab™ GMP Electronic Notebook System demonstrates the value of our technology to increasing productivity and compliance confidence in regulated laboratories."

### **About VelQuest Corporation**

The VelQuest SmartLab GMP Electronic Notebook System is an innovative software platform designed to provide the foundation for compliance-based activities in the life science markets. The core software embraces the FDA's "cGMPs for the 21st Century: A Risk Based Approach" initiative, and supports the company's SmartLab™ Applications for a fully compliant electronic laboratory, SmartShell™ 21 CFR Part 11 remediation software, and SmartBatch manufacturing batch record system.

Founded in January, 1999, VelQuest Corporation provides a growing suite of unique products to help transform regulated industries from labor-intensive, paper-based operations to automated, efficient systems, with greater confidence in their compliance than ever before possible.

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