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## **CPDN ANNOUNCES NEW LOGISTICS AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS**

The Canadian Pharmaceutical Distribution Network (CPDN) is pleased to announce that it will transition its logistics operations to Lynden International Logistics Co. and introduce a new internet-based ordering system from ThoughtSpeed™ eCommerce Ltd. Additionally, CPDN is working in conjunction with GS1 Canada to enable a secure, paperless, electronic supply chain for ordering controlled substances including narcotics.

### **The new distribution structure will go into effect June 1, 2009.**

As a result, CPDN will transition the CPDN services currently with McKesson Canada. This strategic business initiative supports the CPDN mandate of *Building a Better Network Together* and positions CPDN to further provide a strong focus on enhancing the longer-term efficiency of pharmaceutical products distribution to hospitals.

The CPDN team is working closely with our new partners and McKesson Canada to ensure a seamless transition. CPDN acknowledges the commitment and dedication of the staff at McKesson Canada in diligently supporting CPDN and its valued hospital customers over the years and throughout the transition process.

**CPDN will provide more information in the coming weeks. This is just a first step in briefing hospitals on this exciting new initiative leading up to the June 1, 2009 transition.**

We welcome your feedback. For more information, visit the CPDN Website at [www.cpdn.ca](http://www.cpdn.ca) or contact:

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Thank you

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The **Canadian Pharmaceutical Distribution Network** (CPDN) Program is a cost-savings program that permits hospitals to consolidate the ordering and delivery of pharmaceutical products from a number of independent drug manufacturers and to issue a single payment for those products. CPDN Member Companies comprise over 20 of the leading pharmaceutical companies serving the Canadian hospital market.

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**Lynden International Logistics Co. (LILCO)** is committed to providing both configurable and shared supply chain services to the Canadian Healthcare industry, its customers and their patients. Through an industry leading “Order to Cash” program, Lynden manages the entire fulfillment cycle from order receipt through to final collections allowing their clients to focus on core business. ([www.lynden.com](http://www.lynden.com))

**ThoughtSpeed™ eCommerce** is a software development and application hosting company specializing in order management and distribution/supply chain related software applications. ThoughtSpeed™'s applications are built to leverage the power of the Internet to meet client needs and achieve the maximum return on investment. ([www.thoughtspeed.biz](http://www.thoughtspeed.biz))

**GS1 Canada** is a neutral, not-for-profit organization, enabling its more than 10,000 members – trading partners of all sizes from 23 sectors across Canada – to enhance their efficiency and cost effectiveness by adopting electronic supply chain best practices. ([www.gs1ca.org](http://www.gs1ca.org))