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CPDN LAUNCHES CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES E-ORDERING SERVICE With a Transition from GS1

Oakville, Ontario December 22, 2011 - The Canadian Pharmaceutical Distribution Network (CPDN) today announced the launch of its new Paperless, Controlled Substances E-Ordering Service, a Canada-wide program that helps qualified pharmaceutical professionals order controlled substances from their computer, in a completely electronic format.

The 1999 Interim Guidelines produced by Health Canada provides for a fully electronic ordering method via digital signature for both the order and confirmation of receipt of narcotics and controlled substances. This process eliminates the need for paper based signatures.

The Certificate Authority Service, currently managed by GS1 Canada will be discontinued on December 31st, 2011. Now, as a fully recognized and certified Certificate Authority Service provider, CPDN is the single Canadian entity that is able to issue certificates for paperless, electronic Controlled Substance ordering.

"I would like to sincerely thank GS1 Canada for their hard work, dedication and support in helping us launch the program three years ago and we look forward to a continued relationship," says Greg Gauthier, President and CEO of CPDN. "On behalf of our members, we look forward to providing the pharmaceutical industry with this key service that allows qualified professionals to order controlled substances through a secure, electronic system. We also look forward to further upgrades in the future, such as roaming certificates."

About the CPDN Controlled Substance E-Ordering Program

The CPDN Controlled Substance e-Ordering Program, and CPDN's WebOMS tool, allows enrolled Pharmacists and Qualified Practitioners to order and (digitally) sign for controlled substances directly from their computer. CPDN is dedicated to advancing technology for the betterment of the health care industry. For further information about the Controlled Substance E-Ordering Service, please contact CPDN at 1.855.412.CERT (2378) or ecert@cpdn.ca.

About CPDN

Since 1994, CPDN is dedicated to providing the health care industry with a lower-priced delivery solution. As an industry funded service provider, CPDN is a leading distribution channel to Canadian hospitals looking for alternatives to traditional, higher priced intermediaries. All products are sold by their respective manufacturers/distributors. The CPDN Program enables the consolidated ordering and delivery of pharmaceutical products, from a number of independent drug manufacturers, with the streamlined ability to issue one, convenient payment for those products. Additional information about CPDN is available through its corporate website www.cpdn.ca.

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