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Bausch + Lomb Receives 510(k) Clearance From FDA For Stellaris EliteTM Next-Generation Phacoemulsification Platform

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New Machine Offers Surgeons Advanced Features and Opportunities for Future Customization

LAVAL, Quebec, April 6, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.'s (NYSE: VRX and TSX: VRX) wholly owned subsidiary, Bausch + Lomb, today announced it has received 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the Stellaris Elite™ Vision Enhancement System, the company's next generation phacoemulsification cataract platform. The new machine offers many new cutting-edge innovations, as well as the opportunity to add upgrades and enhancements continuously, allowing surgeons to customize their machines and expand their capabilities more rapidly than ever before.

"We are pleased to continue to deliver on our planned 2017 product launches with the approval of the Stellaris Elite platform," said Joseph C. Papa, Chairman and CEO of Valeant. "As part of Valeant's continued investment in innovation, this surgical platform will further expand Bausch + Lomb's comprehensive portfolio of products and directly address the needs of the marketplace. By changing the paradigm of traditional large capital equipment currently offered today, our R&D team developed the Stellaris Elite to provide customers innovative upgrades and enhancements every one to two years, versus the customary decade-long life cycle, to meet the ever-evolving needs of their patients."

Stellaris Elite will be the first phacoemulsification platform on the market to offer Adaptive Fluidics™, which combines precise aspiration control with predictive infusion management to create a highly responsive and controlled surgical environment for efficient cataract lens removal.*

Bausch + Lomb plans to launch retina applications for the Stellaris Elite this summer, which will integrate both retina and cataract capabilities into a single machine. The system will also offer surgeons additional functionality and a broad range of accessories and probes, including the new Vitesse technology, a high-speed vitreous cutter, which is currently under FDA review.

About Valeant

Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (NYSE/TSX: VRX) is a multinational specialty pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of pharmaceutical products primarily in the areas of dermatology, gastrointestinal disorders, eye health, neurology and branded generics. More information about Valeant can be found at www.valeant.com

About Bausch + Lomb

Bausch + Lomb, a Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. company, is a leading global eye health organization that is solely focused on protecting, enhancing and restoring people's eyesight. Its core businesses include over-the-counter supplements, eye care products, ophthalmic pharmaceuticals, contact lenses, lens care products, ophthalmic surgical devices and instruments. Bausch + Lomb develops, manufactures and markets one of the most comprehensive product portfolios in our industry, which is available in more than 100 countries.

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*Data obtained in bench study

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