

Patterson Companies Acquires U.K. Distributor Of Physical Therapy, Sports Medicine and Podiatry Products

St. Paul, MN—April 8, 2009—Patterson Companies (Nasdaq: PDCO) today announced that the U.K. unit of its Patterson Medical business, Homecraft Rolyan Ltd., has acquired Mobilis Healthcare Group, one of the U.K.'s leading value-added distributors of physical therapy, sports medicine and podiatry products. Terms of the all-cash transaction were not disclosed.

With sales of approximately \$28 million (£20 million), Mobilis serves 12,000 customers in the U.K. and France and owns several leading brands that are sold into its primary markets. Mobilis, which is profitable and possesses a debt-free balance sheet, is expected to be modestly accretive to Patterson's consolidated earnings during the first year following its acquisition.

David P. Sproat, president of Patterson Medical, commented: "The acquisition of Mobilis Healthcare Group is strategically significant, since it will substantially increase Homecraft's presence in the U.K. rehabilitation market. In addition, Mobilis has established a strong position in the physical therapy market, while Homecraft historically has focused on the occupational therapy market. In this way, Mobilis brings a new customer base into our rehabilitation supply business. Mobilis also provides a platform for Homecraft's expansion into the sports medicine market."

About Patterson Companies, Inc.

Patterson Companies, Inc. is a value-added distributor serving the dental, companion-pet veterinarian and rehabilitation supply markets.

Dental Market

As Patterson's largest business, Patterson Dental provides a virtually complete range of consumable dental products, equipment and software, turnkey digital solutions and value-added services to dentists and dental laboratories throughout North America.

Veterinary Market

Webster Veterinary is the nation's second largest distributor of consumable veterinary supplies, equipment and software, diagnostic products, vaccines and pharmaceuticals to companion-pet veterinary clinics.

Rehabilitation Market

Patterson Medical is the world's leading distributor of rehabilitation supplies and non-wheelchair assistive patient products to the physical and occupational therapy markets. The unit's global customer base includes hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and dealers.

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the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Form 10-K for fiscal year 2007.

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