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PAUL GUGGENHEIM NAMED PATTERSON DENTAL PRESIDENT

St. Paul, MN (November 18, 2009) – With the recent announcement that Patterson Dental President Scott Anderson will succeed retiring James W. Wiltz as president and chief executive officer of Patterson Companies, Inc. (Nasdaq: PDCO), Anderson has named the next president of the Company’s dental business.

Paul Guggenheim will serve as Patterson Dental president, effective at the start of the new fiscal year in May. Guggenheim, who currently manages Patterson’s Southwest Region, has held various distinguished leadership posts in the dental supply industry for over 25 years, including president of Guggenheim Brothers Dental Supply Co.

Anderson, who will assume responsibilities as Patterson Companies president and CEO in May, commented: “Paul possesses a keen understanding of our customers, our business partners and the dental industry that makes him ideally suited to lead Patterson Dental into the future.”

Guggenheim joined Patterson in 2000 upon selling his Guggenheim Brothers Dental Supply business to Patterson Dental. In addition to his management responsibilities with Patterson, Guggenheim has held numerous influential leadership roles in the dental industry over the years, including Chairman of the Board of the American Dental Trade Association (now the Dental Trade Alliance), president of the Dental Dealers of America and Chairman of the American Dental Cooperative.

“Paul’s proven leadership skills, considerable experience and deep understanding of our Company culture will serve Patterson and our industry well,” Anderson said.

“I am excited and honored to accept this new role and look forward to working closely with our dedicated employees and business partners to build upon the strong foundation of Patterson Dental,” Guggenheim said.

About Patterson Companies, Inc.

Patterson Companies (NASDAQ: [PDCO](#)) is a global provider of complete, progressive solutions to specialty healthcare 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.

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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 assistive patient products to the physical and occupational therapy markets. This customer base includes hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and dealers.

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