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Asteres ScriptCenter® Expands Customers, Capacity and Capability in Retail Pharmacy

SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 26, 2005--Asteres Inc., the maker of ScriptCenter and the industry's first provider of automated finished prescription pick-up machines for retail pharmacy, today announced multiple initiatives to expand product offerings.

Concurrently, Asteres announced that Walgreens, Safeway and the University of California at San Diego have joined Longs Drugs in receiving waivers from the California State Board of Pharmacy to install ScriptCenter for refill prescriptions not requiring pharmacist consultation during open store hours even if the pharmacy is closed.

The company's new initiatives revolve around increasing capability and capacity. ScriptLocker(TM), the company's second hardware offering, is a solenoid activated, custom configurable locker system that is accessed from ScriptCenter. ScriptLocker is being introduced as part of the ScriptCenter System to manage and deliver oversized items. Asteres also is introducing a new ScriptCenter Container for loading 90-day fills into ScriptCenter. ScriptCenter currently carries two sizes of prescription bags. The ScriptCenter Container provides a new solution for prescriptions that require multiple packages.

Asteres also announced a new integrated software platform to manage additional store products such as OTCs, essential medical supplies and personal care items. ScriptCenter can manage restricted items that are subject to age, quantity, time and other constraints such as Sudafed. ScriptCenter can also manage high shrink items such as razor blades and non-aspirin pain relief products.

"By adding capacity and capability to ScriptCenter, we can increase the variety of items that can be securely purchased in a single transaction," said Asteres Founder & Chief Business Officer Linda Pinney. "Now we can deliver to the consumer OTCs and other merchandise with or without their prescription while providing the retailer a secured storage and self-checkout device."

"We have put our customer suggestions back to work for the customer," said Al Waterhouse, Asteres President and CEO, "Our Company is committed to the careful integration of our market defining products into the retail pharmacy."

Asteres Inc. (www.asteres.com) develops and manufactures automated machines for the controlled storage, management, purchasing and delivery of consumer products, healthcare medications & supplies and finished prescriptions. ScriptCenter is the first automated finished prescription pick-up machine designed and built for the retail pharmacy market.

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