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Asteres Inc. Appoints Robert Hansen Pharm.D. To Vice President, Pharmacy Services

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DEL MAR, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 4, 2003--Asteres Inc., the industry's first developer of automated prescription self-checkout machines for the retail pharmacy market, announced today the appointment of Robert Hansen, Pharm.D. to the position of vice president, Pharmacy Services. Dr. Hansen, formerly the vice president of Pharmacy Operations for one of the nations leading drug store chains, Longs Drug Stores, will direct the company's retail pharmacy products and services division. Dr. Hansen will report directly to Linda Pinney, CEO.

"Dr. Hansen is a nationally recognized leader who has built his career around a passion to provide leading edge technology and services to retail pharmacy," said Pinney. "Dr. Hansen's knowledge and experience will be instrumental in everything from product development to the nationwide launch of ScriptCenter."

ScriptCenter, the company's initial product, allows retail pharmacies to store finished prescriptions in an automated dispensing machine similar to an ATM, offering pharmacy customers an option to pick up and pay for their prescriptions without standing in line at the counter.

Dr. Hansen has 30 years of experience in the retail drug industry. He began his career at Longs as a staff pharmacist and quickly worked his way up the ranks of pharmacy management. In 1998 Dr. Hansen was promoted into Longs' corporate office to establish a pharmacy marketing and category management department, where he successfully launched chain-wide customer healthcare programs. In his role as vice president of Pharmacy Operations, Dr. Hansen was responsible for the operation and automation of over 460 pharmacies, the mail order division and the opening of the first retail central fill facility in the Western United States. Dr. Hansen did his pre-pharmacy work at San Jose State University, and received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California at San Francisco.

Asteres Inc., with headquarters in Del Mar, is the industry's first developer of automated prescription self-checkout machines for retail pharmacy.

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