

The Depository Trust Company
IMPORTANT

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DATE: September 27, 2001
TO: All Participants
CATEGORY: Dividends
FROM: Nilesh Desai, Supervisor, Dividend Department
ATTENTION: Dividend Managers, Cashiers and Reorganization Managers
SUBJECT: Cash and Stock Merger: SeraCare Inc.Com.Stk. CUSIP :
817473101 distribution of SeraCare Life Sciences Inc.
CUSIP : 81747Q100 and cash entitlement

***** Warning Time Critical *****

This Notice is to inform participants of the special processing that DTC employed in order to effectively distribute the spinoff shares of SeraCare Life Sciences, Inc. common stock (CUSIP 81747Q100) in accordance with the declared cash and stock merger of SeraCare, Inc. common stock (CUSIP 817473101) .

KEY DATES

Merger effective date :	09/25/01
Last day trading of SeraCare, Inc. (CUSIP 817473101)	09/24/01
DTC chills Delivery Orders (DO's) on SeraCare, Inc. :	Effective 09/25/01
DTC allocates cash portion of merger to participants:	09/25/01
Ex-distribution date declared by NASD for spinoff shares of SeraCare Life Sciences, Inc. :	09/25/01
Last day trading on SeraCare , Inc. in order to receive spinoff shares of SeraCare Life Sciences, Inc.:	09/24/01

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SPINOFF PORTION OF MERGER PROCESSED BY STOCK DIVIDENDS

In order to make DTC participants whole for their merger entitlement , the spinoff shares of SeraCare Life Sciences, Inc. common stock (CUSIP 81747Q100) were allocated on September 25, 2001 (the same day as when the cash merger proceeds were allocated) to record date holders of SeraCare, Inc. (CUSIP 817473101) as of September 24, 2001. As a result , DTC could not employ interim accounting procedures in order to monitor trades of SeraCare, Inc. (with spinoff shares entitlement) settling on 09/25/2001 through 09/27/2001.

DUE BILL ENTITLEMENT

CNS will adjust the due-bill entitlements for trade settlements of 9/25/2001 through 9/27/2001 for the spinoff portion of the merger.

Participants with any questions related to trade settlements picked up by CNS, should contact Mr. Bob Walsh, SIAC Supervisor, at (212) 855- 5725.

To confirm your positions and payment history, participants should access the Dividend and Allocation History (DPAL) Option, via the PTS Dividend Announcements Inquiry (DIVA) Function.

If participants have any questions regarding this Important Notice, they may contact Doug Smith or Raymond Lew of DTC's Stock Dividend Department at (212) 855-4527/23.