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SANOFI-AVENTIS APPOINTS HUDSON TO ON-SITE MANAGED SERVICE SOLUTION

Sydney, Australia – 19 June 2008 – sanofi-aventis, one of Australia's largest pharmaceutical companies, has appointed Hudson to provide an on-site managed service solution to drive efficiencies through its talent acquisition and on-boarding process.

The solution will consist of four full-time and one part-time Hudson employees, located on-site at sanofi-aventis' Sydney headquarters.

Hudson will be responsible for all aspects of sanofi-aventis' internal and external recruitment, as well as managing the company's employment branding, recruitment forecasting, candidate attraction, co-supplier management and on-boarding of new hires.

The solution will be managed by Julie Maule. Ms Maule is highly regarded in the recruitment industry with an outstanding background which includes senior leadership roles with Hamilton James Bruce and more recently with Direct Health Solutions where she was involved in the set up of their management consulting business.

Kimberley Hubble, Executive General Manager of Hudson's Managed Service & Talent Management businesses said Hudson is excited to be partnering with sanofi-aventis and looks forward to delivering a strategic approach to their talent acquisition and retention needs.

"sanofi-aventis aim to be the leaders in their market and we will be doing everything we can to ensure they have the best people on board to help them achieve this goal," Ms Hubble said.

"Basically it's about putting the right people in the right roles at the right time."

This solution further cements Hudson's market leadership in the Managed Service market. Hudson now has 14 active Managed Service Solutions in Australia and many more globally.

Ronán Carolan, HR Director, sanofi-aventis said the partnership with Hudson was a key strategic initiative to ensure that the company effectively and efficiently manages its talent pipeline.

"We look forward to Hudson helping us achieve our aim of attracting and retaining talented and enthusiastic people" Mr Carolan said.

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About Hudson

Hudson (NASDAQ: HHGP) is a leading provider of permanent recruitment, contract professionals and talent management services worldwide. From single placements to total outsourced solutions, Hudson helps clients achieve greater organisational performance by assessing, recruiting, developing and engaging the best and brightest people for their

businesses. The company employs more than 3,600 professionals serving clients and candidates in more than 20 countries. More information is available at www.hudson.com

About sanofi-aventis

sanofi-aventis is one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies serving the cause of improving health and wellbeing. They employ around 100,000 employees, including 11,000 scientists and are present in more than 100 countries. The global head quarters for sanofi-aventis are in Paris, France.

In Australia, sanofi-aventis is one of the top five pharmaceutical companies. With more than 750 employees, the company invests \$34 million in R&D annually and is committed to the community in which they work. The Australian head office is in Sydney, with offices in each state. There is also an office in Auckland, New Zealand.

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