



NEWS RELEASE

Merck Receives 2016 ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award From U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Company Receives EPA Honor for 11th Consecutive Year

Merck (NYSE:MRK), known as MSD outside the United States and Canada, announced today that it has received an ENERGY STAR 2016 Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its continued improvement of energy performance and leadership in energy management in both the pharmaceutical and industrial sectors.

Merck has been an ENERGY STAR partner since 1995 and recognized by the EPA for 11 consecutive years, two times as Partner of the Year and now a ninth time for Sustained Excellence.

“Merck is proud of our partnership with ENERGY STAR, because it helps us promote our energy program and provides guidance to use energy more efficiently,” said Don Watson, vice president, Global Workplace & Enterprise Services, Merck. “We are committed to the efficient use of our natural resources and reducing the environmental impact of our operations.”

The award recognizes one Merck manufacturing site that has achieved ENERGY STAR rankings in the top 25 percent of pharmaceutical plant energy performance nationwide: Las Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Also achieving certification this year were office buildings in Cokesbury and Branchburg, N.J., as well as an office building in Upper Gwynedd, Pa.



“By continued collaboration with ENERGY STAR, Merck is helping Americans save money, save energy, and do their part to reduce our nation’s greenhouse gas emissions that exacerbate climate change,” said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. “I’m proud to recognize Merck with the highest form of ENERGY STAR recognition, as the winner of the 2016 Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award. Merck demonstrates a strong commitment to energy efficiency and to preserving a healthy planet for future generations.”

For more information about Merck’s ongoing environmental and energy conservation efforts, please visit www.merckresponsibility.com.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is the simple choice for energy efficiency. For more than 20 years, people across America have looked to EPA’s ENERGY STAR program for guidance on how to save energy, save money, and protect the environment. Behind each blue label is a product, building, or home that is independently certified to use less energy and cause fewer of the emissions that contribute to climate change. Today, ENERGY STAR is the most widely recognized symbol for energy efficiency in the world, helping families and businesses save \$362 billion on utility bills, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 2.4 billion metric tons since 1992. Join the millions who are already making a difference at energystar.gov.

About Merck

For 125 years, Merck has been a global health care leader working to help the world be well. Merck is known as MSD outside the United States and Canada. Through our prescription medicines, vaccines, biologic therapies, and animal health products, we work with customers and operate in more than 140 countries to deliver innovative health solutions. We also demonstrate our commitment to increasing access to health care through far-reaching policies, programs and partnerships. For more information, visit www.merck.com and connect with us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to, general industry conditions and competition; general

economic factors, including interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations; the impact of pharmaceutical industry regulation and health care legislation in the United States and internationally; global trends toward health care cost containment; technological advances, new products and patents attained by competitors; challenges inherent in new product development, including obtaining regulatory approval; the company's ability to accurately predict future market conditions; manufacturing difficulties or delays; financial instability of international economies and sovereign risk; dependence on the effectiveness of the company's patents and other protections for innovative products; and the exposure to litigation, including patent litigation, and/or regulatory actions.

The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Additional factors that could cause results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in the company's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K and the company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) available at the SEC's Internet site (www.sec.gov).

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