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CERILLIANT ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL ISO ACCREDITATIONS

ISO Guide 34 and ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditations Received

ROUND ROCK, TX – (November 21, 2008) – Cerilliant Corporation adds the accreditations of ISO Guide 34 and ISO/IEC 17025 to its arsenal of quality credentials as certified by ACLASS Accreditation Services, an internationally-recognized accreditation company and a participant in the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). Cerilliant has been certified to the ISO 9001:2000 standard since 1997 and now offers its customers the assurance of this triple certification to ISO standards.

CEO Sherri Pogue stated, “We are pleased to add the ISO Guide 34 and ISO/IEC 17025 accreditations to our list of credentials. Cerilliant serves a diverse group of customers and industries who have different quality requirements, and these additional accreditations provide added confidence to our customers that Cerilliant products are produced and tested to the highest industry standards and are suitable for use in multiple demanding applications and across international borders. We made no changes to our production or testing systems to secure these new ISO accreditations, confirming that the bar we have set for ourselves is high.”

Accreditation to ISO Guide 34 “General Requirements for the Competence of Reference Material Producers” is designed to ensure competency in the manufacture of reference materials and assurance that international guidelines are followed in the production and assignment of material property values. Accreditation to ISO Guide 34 involves not only technical competence and good quality management practices but adds verification of critical production management specific to reference material producers.

ISO Guide 34 requires the reference material producer to assess each of its production and testing systems and assign an uncertainty value to all reference materials classified as “Certified Reference Materials” and to demonstrate traceability to SI units wherever possible. As part of its Risk Management and Continuous Improvement programs, Cerilliant has performed detailed statistical analysis of its production and testing systems and will provide customers with statements of uncertainty as required by the ISO Guide.

Accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025 “General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories” addresses technical competency of the testing laboratory and, specifically, a laboratory’s ability to produce precise and accurate test and calibration data. While designed to be applicable to laboratories running third party samples, accurate test results are critical to the proper characterization of reference materials and, therefore, relevant to reference material producers.

Cerilliant’s scope of ISO Guide 34 accreditation is for single component organic materials, either neat or in dilute organic or aqueous solvents in the concentration range of 0.05 to 5 mg/mL. All testing methods used by Cerilliant in the characterization of its reference standards are included in its scope of accreditation to both ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO Guide 34. Cerilliant’s certification to ISO 9001:2000 standard covers all of its operations, including general quality practices; organic synthesis; reference standard manufacturing, testing and certification; and customer and technical service.

Cerilliant sustains a modern, robust quality system, which incorporates the principals of Quality by Design, Risk Management, and Continuous Improvement. Cerilliant's quality system complies with FDA's Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) - parts 210 and 211 - and Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) guidelines, interpreted to the production and certification of reference standards.

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Cerilliant Corporation, located in Round Rock, Texas, is a leader in providing analytical reference standards to the analytical testing community. The company has been providing certified reference materials and components for test kits for more than 25 years. Cerilliant offers more than 3,400 catalog products and a full range of custom products and services that address the stringent and complex requirements of the forensic/toxicology, diagnostic/clinical, environmental, natural products, and pharmaceutical industries. For more information about the company, please visit www.cerilliant.com.