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METABOLIC SOLUTIONS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY NAMED ONE OF 50 MICHIGAN COMPANIES TO WATCH

KALAMAZOO, MICH. (April 8, 2010) – Metabolic Solutions Development Company (MSDC), which is developing novel medicines for type 2 diabetes and other metabolic diseases, has been named one of the *Michigan 50 Companies to Watch* by Michigan Celebrates Small Business, an awards program sponsored by the Edward Lowe Foundation.

MSDC will be honored at the sixth annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business awards ceremony on April 29 in Lansing.

The award embodies the entrepreneurial spirit of Michigan, honoring companies that have persevered through the initial startup stage and have emerged as leaders.

Winners are selected by Michigan-based judges from the banking, economic development, entrepreneurship development and venture capital communities.

“Our success is a direct result of the extensive experience of our founders, the insight of our investors, the extraordinary talent and hard work of our employees, and the wide-ranging network of outstanding business partners that we have brought together” said Robert Beardsley, CEO of MSDC. “This award is a special honor. Michigan has a great history in developing innovative metabolic disease therapies and we are proud to carry on that tradition here.”

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MSDC, msdrx.com, is developing pharmaceuticals designed to more effectively treat type 2 diabetes without the side effects of current therapies. Phase 2a clinical data from the company's lead candidate, MSDC-0160, demonstrate that it improves insulin sensitivity and lowers blood glucose levels in humans without the side effects of the current market leading diabetes medicines. The compound also demonstrated significant improvements in other important metabolic disease risk factors including blood pressure and lipids.

Additional safety and expanded efficacy data will be gathered in a 420-patient, 90-day, multinational Phase 2b study later this year.

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About Metabolic Solutions Development Company:

Metabolic Solutions Development Company (www.msdrx.com), based in Kalamazoo, Mich., is developing innovative therapeutics using a different pharmacological path to treat type 2 diabetes. This new approach seeks to improve the efficacy of treatment by freeing patients from the adverse side effects of current treatments, including edema and weight gain.

The company's scientific strategy is built on a historical understanding of insulin-sensitizers and its unique insight into the mechanism of insulin-sensitizing pharmacology. The company believes that the result will be a new generation of superior, safer drug therapies.

About Michigan Celebrates Small Business:

Michigan 50 Companies to Watch is presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business.

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Information about the 2010 Michigan 50 Companies to Watch program can be found at <http://Michigan.CompaniesToWatch.org>. For information about Michigan Celebrates Small Business, visit <http://MichiganCelebrates.biz>.

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