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## **Metabolic Solutions' Jandernoa Receives Spirit of Michigan Award**

KALAMAZOO, Mich., November 17, 2011 – Metabolic Solutions Development Company, LLC (MSDC) board member, Michael Jandernoa, has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the "Spirit of Michigan" Award. The annual award is presented as part of the Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition, an international business competition offering more than \$1 million in cash awards. Jandernoa has served as a member of the MSDC board of managers since November 2010. MSDC is a venture capital-backed pharmaceutical company discovering and developing new therapeutics to treat metabolic diseases associated with age-related mitochondrial dysfunction, especially type 2 diabetes.

The "Spirit of Michigan" award recognizes an individual who epitomizes the entrepreneurial spirit, has built a business that employs a solid workforce, is a significant contributor to the economic recovery in Michigan, and serves as a mentor within the entrepreneurial community.

Jandernoa is a veteran of the life science industry. He is the former Chairman of the Board and CEO of Perrigo Company, the nation's largest manufacturer and marketer of store brand over-the-counter drug and nutritional products. As CEO, he took Perrigo from a \$30 million company to a \$2.5 billion firm. Jandernoa continues as a member of Perrigo's board of directors and is also applying his industry expertise and leadership experience to advancing innovation in the pharmaceutical industry by supporting companies like MSDC as a member of the board of directors of Hopen Life Science Ventures and the board of trustees of the Van Andel Institute, both based in Grand Rapids, MI.

"As a member of the board of Metabolic Solutions, Mike's pharmaceutical industry leadership experience and strategic counsel have been instrumental in our continued growth and development," said Stephen Benoit, CEO, MSDC. "His disciplined vision and drive are highly valued by MSDC's leadership team."

Jandernoa is a co-founder and Board member of Bridge Street Capital and a co-founder and Board member of Grand Angels. Most recently, he founded Jandernoa Entrepreneurial Mentoring, which is dedicated to bringing mentors and mentees together to help businesses stay on track. Jandernoa serves on Business Leaders for Michigan, the University of Michigan Business School Visiting Committee, Grand Valley University Foundation, and previously the Strategic Economic Investment and Commercialization Board (formerly Michigan Life Sciences Corridor). He also serves/chairs on numerous community boards and committees as well. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

### **About Metabolic Solutions Development Company**

Metabolic Solutions Development Company ([www.msdrx.com](http://www.msdrx.com)) is a drug discovery and development company investigating novel molecular targets and new therapeutics for metabolic diseases associated with age-related mitochondrial dysfunction, especially insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes. The company was founded in 2006 by former researchers at The Upjohn Company and has raised more than \$55 million to support development of its lead compounds MSDC-0160 and MSDC-0602.

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