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**New Public-Private Partnership Leverages US Government Funding to Train
Clinical HIV Experts in Target Regions throughout Russia**

Moscow, October 24, 2007 — U.S. Ambassador William Burns announced a new public-private partnership between global pharmaceutical leader GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) to train Russian medical professionals in effective HIV care and treatment practices, including the provision of antiretroviral therapy. This innovative collaboration marks the first partnership in which an international pharmaceutical company has directly collaborated with the United States Government on efforts to build the human resource capacity needed to provide comprehensive treatment, care, and support to people living with HIV/AIDS in Russia.

The announcement of the new partnership was made on the eve of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria's (GBC) Leadership Forum on public-private partnerships in emerging markets "Healthy Nations, Healthy Economies", held in Moscow October 24-25. The Forum, chaired by former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbrooke, President and CEO of the Global Business Coalition, brings together political and business leaders from around the world who are committed to finding new avenues for joint work between the public and private sectors to combat infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis.

GSK and AIHA will be supporting a program to be called "The Russia Professional Development in HIV Medicine Program", which seeks to build the capacity of medical professionals providing HIV-related care, helping them to rapidly develop appropriate knowledge and skills on care and treatment of HIV/AIDS patients.

This joint endeavor will enable clinical leaders from targeted Russian regions who participate in the program to serve as champions for other healthcare professionals throughout Russia sharing expertise on effective clinical practices, including the provision of antiretroviral therapy (ART). The program will also set up an interactive Russian-language Web site that will be used by clinicians to share HIV-related best practice, including treatment guidelines and protocols, textbooks, training materials, and a library of clinical case studies.

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