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*Everingham & Kerr, Inc. is pleased to announce that*  
**Ace Animals, Inc. has been acquired by**  
**Sigma-Aldrich Corporation (NASDAQ: SIAL)**

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Everingham & Kerr, Inc. announced today that Ace Animals, Inc. (“*Ace Animals*”) has been acquired by Sigma-Aldrich Corporation (NASDAQ: SIAL). Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Ace Animals provides high quality research rodents and contract breeding services to the pharmaceutical, biotech, life sciences and animal research industries. The Company, founded in 1973, is headquartered in Boyertown, Pennsylvania. To learn more about Ace Animals, please visit [www.aceanimals.com](http://www.aceanimals.com).

Biochemical company Sigma-Aldrich (NASDAQ: SIAL), headquartered in St. Louis, reported \$2.15 billion in revenue in 2009. Ace Animals will operate as part of Sigma’s new multi-million-dollar Sigma Advanced Genetic Engineering Lab (SAGE) Labs, a Sigma Life Science initiative, which is led by Dr. Edward Weinstein. The acquisition will enhance SAGE Labs’ current rat and mouse breeding capabilities, primarily used in the development of its next-generation “knockout” rat models featuring specific gene deletions and insertions created using proprietary CompoZr(TM) Zinc Finger Nuclease (ZFN) technology. Through the acquisition, SAGE Labs plans to offer a significantly increased portfolio of products and services, including a number of “wild type” rats and mice, or animals that have not been genetically modified. Ace Animals’ location near Philadelphia and New York is expected to enhance distribution of SAGE Labs models to key sites within the United States biopharma industry, Sigma-Aldrich officials said. “With the Ace Animals acquisition, SAGE Labs will be in a better position to offer a greater number of models with the goal of helping researchers understand the functional significance of genes and their relationships to human diseases,” Weinstein said in a statement. “In vivo models of human disease states serve as more predictive proxies to the human condition, and therefore are instrumental to the discovery of novel and powerful therapeutics.” Sigma-Aldrich creates rat models for use in research on toxicology, neuroscience, cardiovascular and inflammatory disease. Lab animals are a \$1 billion industry. For more information on SAGE Labs visit [www.sageresearchmodels.com](http://www.sageresearchmodels.com).

Everingham & Kerr, Inc. initiated this transaction, acted as financial advisor and negotiated the transaction for Ace Animals, Inc.

**For more information on this transaction, please contact Robert Everingham at [re@everkerr.com](mailto:re@everkerr.com) or 856.546.6655 x112.**

## **About Everingham & Kerr, Inc.**

Everingham & Kerr is a merger and acquisition advisory firm that specializes in providing intermediary services for lower middle market companies and entrepreneurs. The firm assists clients across all industries and offers various services including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, valuations, transaction consulting and exit planning. The firm’s client base has included public and private corporations, investor groups, individual entrepreneurs, management buyout groups and family buyout participants. Everingham & Kerr’s focus is on providing lower middle market companies with highly professional services typically available only from large investment banks servicing much larger clients. The firm provides the resources and highly experienced personnel necessary to ensure maximum results produced efficiently and confidentially.

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