

ASX Release – Alesco Corporation Limited (“ALS”)

ALESCO GROWS ITS SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL DIVISION

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Alesco Corporation Limited (ASX: ALS) today announced it has entered into an agreement to acquire Promedica, a supplier of medical and consumable products for a purchase price of \$21million.

For over 30 years Promedica has been supplying to the hospital and healthcare industry in Australia specialty consumable products for use in the Operating Room and Critical Care departments. Over one-third of Promedica’s products are sold under its own Promed brand. Promedica also has exclusive distribution arrangements with a number of leading global suppliers. For further information please visit www.promedica.com.au.

“Promedica operates in the fast growing medical sector and is an ideal bolt-on acquisition for Biolab, Alesco’s Scientific and Medical equipment division,” Alesco Deputy CEO Mr Justin Ryan said. “Its products and services are complementary to Biolab’s existing medical division and we are particularly impressed with Promedica’s mix of leading own brands as well as its distribution arrangements with quality global suppliers.”

“We are delighted that the existing management team, led by Craig Perkins, has agreed to continue with the business,” he said.

The purchase price of \$21million payable for the Promedica business represents an EBITA multiple of approximately 6.5 times estimated FY2007 earnings. An additional payment may be made based on the achievement of certain improved earning targets in FY2007.

Settlement is conditional on a number of conditions precedent, all of which are expected to be satisfied over the next few weeks, however, the parties have agreed that the acquisition will take effect from 1 June 2006.



This acquisition, which is expected to be immediately earnings per share accretive, will be funded through existing debt facilities.

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Alesco manages a portfolio of leading industrial brands