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**FEDERAL COURT ISSUES INJUNCTION TO PROTECT NEOSTRATA
SUBSIDIARY'S PATENT RIGHTS**

*Judge Upholds Jury Verdict and Issues Injunction Against Valeant
in the U.S. District Court of Delaware.*

PRINCETON, N.J. – MAY 4, 2004 – TriStrata Technology, Inc. (“TTI”) won its patent infringement suit in November 2003 against Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, formerly ICN Pharmaceuticals, when the jury in the United States District Court in Wilmington, DE found that seven claims of the two patents at issue were willfully infringed.

On April 12, 2004, the United States District Court rejected Valeant’s motion seeking to overturn the jury verdict and for a new trial. The Court also issued a permanent injunction prohibiting Valeant from the manufacture, sale and marketing of products covered by the infringed patents, effectively removing Valeant from the marketplace for such products. The infringed patents cover the use of alpha-hydroxyacids (AHAs) to enhance the therapeutic effect of other substances. TTI still has suits pending against ICN relating to another product line, as well as Mary Kay® cosmetics, BeautiControl® cosmetics and the companies responsible for the manufacture and sale of the infomercial product called Natural Advantage™.

TTI is a wholly owned subsidiary of NeoStrata Company, Inc., founded by Ruey Yu, O.M.D., Ph.D. and Eugene Van Scott, M.D., who are widely recognized as pioneers in alpha-hydroxyacid skin care technology and who are the inventors of more than 125 patents relating to alpha-hydroxyacids and other skin care technology.

TTI was represents in the post trial motions by Kevin M. McGovern, Esq. and Brian T. Foley, Esq. of McGovern & Associates, Greenwich, CT; Michael O. Warnecke, Esq. of Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw of Chicago, IL; and Arthur Connolly, III, Esq. of Connolly, Bove, Lodge & Hutz of Wilmington, DE.

About Neostrata

NeoStrata Company, Inc. is a researched-based dermatological company dedicated to the advancement of skin care and dermatological treatments. It is the medical community’s internationally recognized leader in developing alpha-hydroxyacid technology and formulations. Neo Strata Company Markets products under the brands NeoStrata®, Exuviance®Exuviance Professional and CoverBlend®. It holds 120 patents, many licensed by over 25 pharmaceutical and cosmetic companies. NeoStrata has been ranked 17th in NJBIZ’s top 50 biotechnology firms in the state of NJ. For more information, visit www.neostrata.com or call 1-800-225-9411.

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