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United States District Court for the District of Arizona Grants Roche's Motion for Preliminary Injunction

Roche (SWX: ROG.VX; RO.S) announced that, on August 21, 2007, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona granted Roche's motion for a preliminary injunction enjoining Ventana Medical Systems Inc. (NASDAQ: VMSI) from taking action to apply or enforce certain antitakeover provisions of the Arizona Revised Statutes (sections 10-2721 through 10-2727 and sections 10-2741 through 10-2743) with respect to Roche or Roche's tender offer to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock of Ventana.

On June 27, 2007, Roche commenced a tender offer to acquire all of the outstanding common shares of Ventana for \$75.00 per share in cash. This price represents a 44% premium to Ventana's close of \$51.95 on June 22, 2007 (the last trading day prior to the announcement of Roche's offer) and a 55% premium to its three-month average as of the same date of \$48.30.

Greenhill & Co. and Citi are acting as financial advisors to Roche and Davis Polk & Wardwell is acting as legal counsel.

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- All documents on the offer to Ventana's shareholders: www.roche.com/info070625

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