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New GORE® STA-PURE™ Gaskets Deliver Exceptional Sealing Performance for Pharmaceutical and Food Processing Applications

Elkton, Maryland (March 25, 2013) – Gore PharmBIO Products, a business initiative of W. L. Gore & Associates, has introduced new gasketing products specifically produced for the demanding regulatory requirements of the pharmaceutical, food and beverage processing industries. New GORE® STA-PURE™ Gasketing products maintain consistently reliable seals while meeting the FDA requirements for food contact and USP Class VI <88> biocompatibility. Manufactured according to appropriate Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and stringent quality systems, these 100-percent expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE) gasketing products deliver consistency in material composition and provide complete documentation for lot traceability — a crucial component for managing the supply chain successfully.

Drawing on Gore's extensive expertise in sealants and materials science, the PharmBIO team anticipated the increased regulatory requirements of the pharmaceutical and food processing industries by developing two new products: GORE® STA-PURE™ Pipe Gasket Style 1500 and GORE® STA-PURE™ Sheet Gasketing Style 1200.

GORE® STA-PURE™ Pipe Gasket Style 1500 offers the unique combination of low stress-to-seal with long-term sealing reliability. Style 1500 gaskets are ideal for standardizing gasket materials across steel, glass-lined steel and FRP systems.

The highly conformable GORE® STA-PURE™ Sheet Gasketing Style 1200 provides exceptional resistance to creep and cold flow for reliable long-term sealing. This gasketing material conforms to rough, irregular flanges and makes a tight, long lasting seal. Because it is chemically inert and dimensionally stable at high temperatures and pressures, Style 1200 maintains a seal in the most demanding process and system environments.

According to Joe Cintavey, Product Specialist for the GORE® STA-PURE™ gasket portfolio, "Manufacturing these products according to appropriate GMPs using stringent quality systems has enabled Gore PharmBIO to deliver two attributes critical to these regulated industries: reliability and compliance." For more information about the full line of GORE® STA-PURE™ Gasketing products, email pharmbiosealants_US@wlgore.com or pharmbiosealants_EU@wlgore.com, or visit gore.com/sta-puregaskets

About W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

Gore is a technology-driven company focused on discovery and product innovation. Well known for waterproof, breathable GORE-TEX® fabric, the company's portfolio includes everything from high-performance fabrics and implantable medical devices to industrial manufacturing components and aerospace electronics. As business initiative within the Enterprise, Gore PharmBIO Products brings together Gore's core technologies and competencies to uniquely

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satisfy the evolving product, regulatory and quality needs of the pharmaceutical, bioprocessing and other life sciences industries.

Founded in 1958 and headquartered in Newark, Delaware, Gore employs approximately 10,000 associates in 30 countries worldwide. Gore is one of a select few companies to appear on all of the U.S. "100 Best Companies to Work For" lists since the rankings debuted in 1984. The company also appears regularly on similar lists around the world. Learn more at gore.com.

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