# NOTICE TO USERS OF CERTAIN SURESTEP BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS AND TEST STRIPS CERTIFICATION OF THE SURESTEP CLASS ACTION

Read this notice carefully as it may affect your rights.

#### THE CLASS ACTION

This notice is directed to all individuals who acquired certain SureStep blood glucose meters and test strips, as defined below, on or after February 1, 1996.

A class action is pending in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice seeking monetary relief as a result of the acquisition and use of affected SureStep blood glucose meters and test strips which contained defects known to the defendants.

## THE CERTIFICATION ORDER

On July 6, 2004, Mr. Justice Maurice Cullity certified the action *Serhan et al.* v. *Johnson & Johnson, LifeScan Canada Ltd. and LifeScan, Inc.*, file # 01-GD-51928 (the "Class Action") as a class proceeding and appointed Zein Serhan, Trustee without a will of Ahmad Serhan, and Beverley Gagnon as the representative plaintiffs of the Class defined as follows:

All individuals in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada, except British Columbia and Quebec, who acquired a SureStep blood glucose meter manufactured before August 1, 1997, bearing a serial number the first five digits of which were in the series L6000 to L7205 or a serial number in the series L7206-GA-00001 to L7206-GA-O1128, in Canada on or after February 1, 1996 and/or who used a SureStep test strip, manufactured before March 1, 1998 on or after February 1, 1996, and the personal representatives of any such individuals who have died.

If you are a member of the Class, your rights will be affected.

Each member of the Class who does not opt out of the Class Action will be bound by the terms of any judgment or settlement in the Class Action whether favourable or not. He or she will be entitled to share in the amount of any award or settlement recovered in the Class Action.

# CLASS MEMBERS MUST OPT OUT IF THEY DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLASS ACTION

Class members who wish to participate in the Class Action need not do anything at this time. They are automatically included in the Class Action.

Members of the Class who do not wish to participate in the Class Action must opt out of the Class Action.

Any Class member who wishes to opt out of the Class Action must do so **on or before 5:00 p.m. E.T. on August 31, 2007** by sending a written election signed by the Class member stating that he or she opts out of the Class Action to Howie & Partners, Chartered Accountants, Attention: SureStep Class Action:

by pre-paid mail or courier to: 3036 Walker Road, Windsor, ON, N8W 3R4 or by fax to: 519.250.1929 or by email to: sarkis.isaac@howieca.com.

No Class member will be permitted to opt out of the Class Action after August 31, 2007.

No person may opt out a minor or a mentally incapable person without permission of the court after notice to The Children's Lawyer or the Public Guardian and Trustee, as appropriate.

### LEGAL FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS

Counsel have entered into an agreement with the representative plaintiffs with respect to legal fees and disbursements. The agreement provides that counsel will not receive payment for their work unless the Class Action is successful or costs are received from the defendants. The agreement, which must be approved by the court to be effective, provides for a contingency fee of at least 25% of the amount recovered in the Class Action.

The plaintiffs have received financial support from the Class Proceedings Fund. As a result, if the Class Action is successful, the Class Proceedings Fund is entitled to 10% of any monetary award or settlement plus the amount of any financial support the Fund paid to the plaintiffs.

Members of the Class will not be personally liable to pay counsel any legal fees or disbursements.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any questions about the matters in this notice should **NOT** be directed to the court because its administrative structure is not designed to address this type of inquiry. The certification order and other information may be obtained by visiting the website at **www.surestepclassaction.com**.

Questions for counsel should be directed by email, fax or telephone to:

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### INTERPRETATION

This notice is a summary of the terms of the certification order. If there is any conflict between the provisions of this notice and the terms of the certification order, the certification order shall prevail. The certification order may be reviewed at the website

www.surestepclassaction.com.

This notice is approved by The Honourable Mr. Justice Maurice Cullity of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.