



**MERZ NORTH AMERICA ANNOUNCES THE
APPOINTMENT OF SALISA HAUPTMANN AS
VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

RALEIGH, N.C. – MARCH 3, 2015 – Merz North America (U.S. affiliate of Merz Pharma Group) today announced the appointment of Salisa Hauptmann as Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, effective March 9, 2015. In this role, Hauptmann will be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership to Merz on matters relating to compliance issues, including industry standards established by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Inspector General, and other Federal and state agencies. Hauptmann will join Merz's North American Leadership Team and will report directly to Bill Humphries, President and CEO of Merz North America.

"As Merz North America continues to grow significantly as an organization, continuing to live a culture that values compliance remains one of our key priorities," said Bill Humphries, President and CEO of Merz North America, Inc. "Salisa is an exceptional enterprise leader with a demonstrated track record of success in both regulatory affairs and commercial compliance. She has deep expertise in both US and global markets, and I am confident that her passion and professionalism will prove critical to our success in North America, as we work to meet the needs of patients and physicians with the highest level of integrity."

Prior to joining Merz, Hauptmann served as Vice President, Global Regulatory Affairs – Emerging Markets, Asia Pacific and Europe for GlaxoSmithKline. She brings more than 20 years of pharmaceutical regulatory and compliance experience to her new role as Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer. Her previous roles include time spent at Stiefel Laboratories and Novartis, and she has a breadth of experience across multiple specialties, including dermatology, neurology, oncology and respiratory disorders. Hauptmann holds a Bachelor of Science degree from University of California, Davis and earned her Master of Public Health degree at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri.

As a key part of this transition, Katrina J. Church, JD has accepted the role of Chief Compliance Officer for Merz Pharma Group, the Frankfurt-based parent company of Merz North America. Church will join Merz's global management team as a member of the Merz Pharma Board and will report directly to Philip Burchard, CEO of Merz Pharma Group.

"Katrina's appointment as our global Chief Compliance Officer demonstrates that Merz is truly a place where individuals can build and grow their careers for the long term," said Bill Humphries, President and CEO of Merz North America, Inc. "We are extremely grateful to Katrina for her invaluable contributions to the strategy and operations of Merz North America, and we look forward to the even greater impact she will have on a global basis. She and Salisa will work side-by-side in the coming weeks to ensure a seamless transition into these new roles and responsibilities."

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Church joined Merz in November 2009 as Corporate Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer; she brings over 23 years of legal experience, as well as a direct experience in medical devices and dermatology, to her new Global appointment. Church holds an A.B. degree from Duke University, and she obtained her Juris Doctor from the New York University School of Law.

About Merz North America

Merz North America is a specialty healthcare company that develops and commercializes innovative, high-quality treatment solutions in aesthetics, dermatology and neurosciences in the U.S. and Canada. As part of the Merz Pharma Group of companies, our ambition is to become the most admired, trusted and innovative aesthetics and neurotoxin company. By developing products that improve patients' health and help them to live better, feel better and look better, we will continue to make significant contributions to the well-being of individuals around the world. Founded in 1908, Merz Pharma Group is a privately-owned company headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany. For more information about Merz and the Company's U.S. product portfolio, please visit www.merzusa.com.

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