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SCOTT F. STOEFFLER NAMED THE McCRONE GROUP “EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR”

WESTMONT, IL (May 7, 2007) – The McCrone Group Inc., internationally recognized as a world leader in microanalysis and the nation’s Premier Microscopy Resource, announces today that Scott F. Stoeffler, Senior Research Microscopist, was named 2006 “Employee of the Year.” Stoeffler is recognized for his blend of technical skills, leadership, and dedication to The McCrone Group’s success and for consistently exceeding both client and company performance expectations.

“It is always difficult to select one employee from the many talented and dedicated scientists and support team members,” Donald A. Brooks, President & CEO, The McCrone Group, said. “It is Scott’s energy, interest in learning, and willingness to assume additional responsibility that has made him an invaluable asset to The McCrone Group,” Brooks said.

“Scott has exhibited true “Employee of the Year” attributes ever since he joined the staff and his performance epitomizes our high standards and commitment to excellence,” Brooks added.

“Scott simply leads the pack!”

Stoeffler joined The McCrone Group in 1997 and is responsible for the microscopical and chemical analysis of small particles and trace materials in industrial samples including pharmaceuticals, foods, fabrics, dusts polymers, glass and other manufactured products, as well as forensic samples in criminal investigations and civil litigation. Prior to joining McCrone he served as a laboratory scientist with the Michigan Department of State Police Forensic Science Division.

Stoeffler earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with honors from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science in Forensic Chemistry from Northeastern University. In addition to publishing a number of technical papers, he is a member of several professional organizations including: Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists; Midwest Microscopy & Microanalysis Society; and, Scientific Working Group of Materials Analysis (SWGMA), and a Diplomate with the American Board of Criminalistics.

Stoeffler is also a member of the faculty at The McCrone Group's new microscopy learning center, the College of Microscopy in Westmont, Illinois. Stoeffler resides in Downers Grove, Illinois.

The McCrone Group Employee of the Year program was established to recognize an employee who consistently performs well beyond a job description and unselfishly addresses client and team member needs.

About The McCrone Group

Founded in 1956 and located in Westmont, Illinois, The McCrone Group, Inc. is internationally recognized as "The Premier Microscopy Resource" and a world leader in materials analysis.

Today, The McCrone Group combines the talents and skills of McCrone Associates, McCrone Microscopes & Accessories, the College of Microscopy, the online McCrone Atlas of Microscopic Particles, and ModernMicroscopy.com.

McCrone Associates, the analytical service division, is focused on solving some of the most difficult materials analysis problems along with the day-to-day needs of forensic, pharmaceutical, materials, and environmental laboratories, scientific researchers, and government organizations worldwide.

McCrone Microscopes & Accessories, the instrument sales division, offers a complete line of microscopes and microscopy related instruments, reference standards, and resource books.

The College of Microscopy, the Group's new Learning Center, provides training to both industry and government scientists worldwide. The staff of The McCrone Group has been teaching scientists and researchers for more than 40 years. Today The College of Microscopy offers more than 35 courses a year to the technical and educational community around the world.

The Atlas of Microscopic Particles (www.mccroneatlas.com), the Group's new online particle resource, is the first of its kind internet-based particle reference for scientists, microscopists, and criminalists engaged in the materials identification area.

ModernMicroscopy.com, McCrone's online peer-reviewed journal, publishes articles, scientific tips, and tutorials contributed by scientists from around the world. For further information about The McCrone Group, please visit www.mccrone.com.

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