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**NEW SODASORB® LF CO<sub>2</sub> ABSORBENT DEVELOPED  
FOR USE WITH LOW FLOW ANESTHESIA TECHNOLOGIES**

**Cambridge, MA, September 6, 2005** - W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn., the world's leading manufacturer of CO<sub>2</sub> absorbent on the market today, announces the introduction of Sodasorb LF, a new generation CO<sub>2</sub> absorbent making modern, closed-circuit low flow anesthesia techniques safer and more efficient. Doctors and technicians have trusted Sodasorb for traditional flow systems for decades - new Sodasorb LF provides the same level of reliability for lower flow rate applications.

"We are extremely pleased to announce the introduction of Sodasorb LF, which we see as a revolutionary low flow CO<sub>2</sub> absorbent," said Jeff Mack, Global Sales & Marketing Manager Sodasorb. "Sodasorb LF addresses many of the issues that have slowed the acceptance of low flow products in the marketplace, despite their obvious advantages in controlling cost and improving efficiency."

Sodasorb LF is specifically formulated to prevent the degradation of anesthetic gases that can lead to problematic by-products and addresses safety and cost concerns associated with the closed circuit, low flow anesthesia techniques that anesthesiologists, technicians and medical facilities are rapidly adopting around the world. Closed- and semi-closed low flow methods are the most economical means to administer inhalation anesthetics, an important factor in managing health care costs.

Sodasorb LF also features a permanent white to violet color change as the product is consumed or in the event of desiccation, which eliminates the possible use of depleted absorbent. Sodasorb LF delivers all the efficiencies medical personnel have come to expect from Sodasorb—extended performance at any flow rate coupled with an unsurpassed record of quality, performance, technical support and innovation.

***About Sodasorb:***

Headquartered in Cambridge, Mass., Sodasorb, a product line of W. R. Grace & Co. Conn., (NYSE: GRA), is the leading CO<sub>2</sub> absorbent worldwide. For more information about Sodasorb, please visit [www.sodasorb.com](http://www.sodasorb.com) or call 1-800-GETSODA (1-800-438-7632) or e-mail to [info.sodasorb@grace.com](mailto:info.sodasorb@grace.com). Please visit us at the ASA Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana (October 22-26, 2005) - Smiths Medical Booth #827.

**About Grace:**

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