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## NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced that the government has reached a settlement with Cardinal Health 406 LLC, formerly known as Pharmaceutical Technologies & Services (PTS), and now known as Catalent USA Packaging, to resolve alleged violations of the Controlled Substances Act. Catalent will pay the United States \$150,000 to resolve allegations that it falsified DEA documents and failed to file reports concerning its acquisition and distribution of controlled substances.

In order to monitor controlled substances, the DEA limits registered pharmaceutical companies to obtaining quotas of controlled substances that are set by the DEA. These companies are additionally required to file quarterly reports concerning their acquisition and distribution of controlled substances. According to the United States' allegations, in 2003 and 2004, Catalent used false DEA quota letters to obtain quantities of methylphenidate, amphetamine, fentanyl, hydromorphone, and morphine from manufacturers for packaging that had not been approved by DEA. The United States further alleged that during the time period of September 2002 through September 2004, Catalent failed to file the required quarterly reports concerning its acquisition and distribution of controlled substances. The investigation has revealed, however, that no controlled substances were diverted as a result of these actions and omissions.

As a result of this investigation, Catalent instituted a series of compliance measures including audits and training to ensure that it complies with all polices and procedures relating to controlled substances.

This case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Romero and was investigated by Diversion Investigator Regina Spady of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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