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SHIRE PHARMACEUTICALS TO SPONSOR *NAPOLÉON* AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA – Shire Pharmaceuticals will serve as the local presenting sponsor of the National Constitution Center’s summer exhibition, *NAPOLÉON*, on display from May 29 through September 7, 2009.

“The greater Philadelphia region is among the best places to live, work and raise a family, and that’s due in part to the unique, world class educational and cultural organizations we have here like the National Constitution Center,” said Shire chief executive officer Angus Russell. “We are very pleased to support the work of the National Constitution Center by sponsoring this special *NAPOLÉON* exhibition.”

Shire is a global specialty biopharmaceutical company with a presence in 23 countries and major operations in southeastern Pennsylvania. The work of Shire and its nearly 3600 employees enables people with life altering conditions to lead better lives.

“We are thrilled to have Shire Pharmaceuticals on board as a sponsor of this remarkable exhibition,” says National Constitution Center President and Chief Executive Officer Linda E. Johnson. “We are grateful for their support and look forward to working with them.”

From May 29 through September 7, 2009, the National Constitution Center will host *NAPOLÉON*, an exhibition offering visitors a rare opportunity to explore the private life of the Emperor of France and to see beyond the legend to gain an understanding of this complex political leader whose actions reshaped the landscape of Europe and America.

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Created from the extraordinary collection of First Empire authority and author, Pierre-Jean Chalençon, *NAPOLÉON* showcases rare, personal belongings of Napoléon I, as well as some of the most famous depictions of him by important artists of the time. The Constitution Center is the sixth stop on the *NAPOLÉON* exhibition's first North American Tour. The exhibition marks the first time a number of items from the Chalençon Collection have ever been on display to the general public. *NAPOLÉON* is a 6,000 square foot international traveling exhibition distributed by Exhibits Development Group in cooperation with Cultural Arts Entertainment Group.

Admission to *NAPOLÉON* is \$17.50 for adults, \$16.50 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$13.50 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$4. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Shire Pharmaceuticals is the local presenting sponsor of the Center's showing of *NAPOLÉON* and CBS 3 is the official media partner. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV) are part of CBS Television Stations, a division of CBS Corporation.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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