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JCAHPO to Offer ECP University Course Materials

DALLAS – Oct. 20, 2011 – Essilor of America, the nation’s leading manufacturer of optical lenses, announces an agreement with the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO®), a non-profit organization that provides certification and training for eyecare professionals (ECPs). Through this new relationship, JCAHPO will offer ECP University® course materials in connection with its online training programs, which include the ophthalmology e-learning site ACTIONED®.

JCAHPO will have access to more than 80 of the online courses currently being offered by ECP University in its New Dispenser Quick Start and Apollo for Advanced Dispensing Professionals programs. ECP University courses help doctors, practice owners and managers grow their own skills as well as empower their staff to build their practice.

“Essilor is pleased to share these valuable education resources with an expanded community of eyecare professionals,” said Jim Yarrish, director of ECP education, Essilor of America.

“Through this collaboration with JCAHPO, we hope to further enhance the quality of patient care by fostering eyecare and business skills.”

“JCAHPO is committed to providing eyecare professionals with the learning resources they need to enhance their skills and advance their careers,” said Tyree Carr, MD, President, JCAHPO.

“We are thrilled to offer such an extensive variety of comprehensive training courses to help increase the knowledge and skills of ophthalmic medical personnel as they work toward certification or recertification.”

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For more information about the ECP University, please visit ecpuniversity.com. To learn more about JCAHPO, please visit jcahpo.org. For further details about ACTIONED, visit actioned.org.

About JCAHPO®

The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO®) was established as a not-for-profit organization in 1969 to offer certification and continuing education opportunities to ophthalmic allied health personnel. Since then, more than 25,000 people in the U.S., Canada, and around the world have earned JCAHPO® Certification. For more information, visit: www.jcahpo.org.

About Essilor

Essilor is the leading manufacturer of optical lenses in the United States and is the market leader in progressive, high-index and anti-reflective coated lenses. A pioneer in the development and production of ophthalmic lenses, Essilor employs more than 9,000 people throughout North America. Essilor manufactures optical lenses under the Varilux®, Crizal®, Thin&Lite®, Xperio® and DEFINITY® and other Essilor brand names. Essilor Laboratories of America (ELOA) is the largest, and most trusted, optical lab network in the U.S. and offers a wide choice of services and lens brands, including Essilor premium lenses, to eyecare professionals across the nation. Essilor of America, Inc. (Essilor) is a subsidiary of Paris-based Essilor International, S.A., a publicly held company traded on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (Reuters: ESSI.PA).

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