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Abbott named one of Britain's Most Admired Healthcare Companies by *Management Today*

MAIDENHEAD, Berkshire, 11 December 2008 – *Management Today* magazine has ranked Abbott as Britain's Third Most Admired Healthcare Company in its 2008 list of top UK businesses.

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Moreover, Abbott was ranked Number 63 in the overall Most Admired Companies list for 2008, scoring highly for financial soundness, quality of goods & services, and quality of marketing. The company was also recognised for its capacity to innovate.

The Management Today Britain's Most Admired rankings are based on the results of a survey conducted by Nottingham Business School. Using responses from board-level representatives of competitor companies by sector, as well as analysts and City commentators, the survey is a peer review of corporate reputation. This is the first year that Abbott has been listed.

"We're pleased to have Abbott's broad base of innovative, quality products and exceptional financial performance acknowledged by our peers," said Jeff Stewart, general manager, Abbott UK. "This is an exciting accolade and further evidence that our global strategy is working."

Over the last year, Abbott in the UK has received a number of awards, including a Two Star "Outstanding" rating by Best Companies.

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For more information on Britain's Most Admired Companies, please go to the website at www.bmac.managementtoday.com

About Abbott

Abbott UK is headquartered in Maidenhead, Berkshire, with facilities in Kent, Oxfordshire, Lancashire and the Midlands. An Investor in People, the company currently employs more than 2,000 staff nationwide.

Abbott is a global, broad-based healthcare company devoted to the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical products, including nutritionals, devices and diagnostics. The company employs more than 68,000 people and markets its products in more than 130 countries.

More information is available on the company's UK website at www.abbott.co.uk.

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