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**IPS CONGRATULATES MERCK & CO., INC., FOR THEIR 2016 CURT
PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARD RECOGNITION**

Blue Bell, PA; November 21, 2016 – IPS-Integrated Project Services, LLC (IPS), a leading global design, engineering, project controls, construction, commissioning and qualification services firm, is honored to have partnered with Merck & Co., Inc. on an award-winning project, as presented by the Construction Users Roundtable® (CURT) for project excellence.

The 2016 CURT Project Excellence Award was presented to Merck & Co., Inc. for their West Point Building Steam Rack Piping Project. IPS provided construction management services while collaborating with the Owner and Engineer of Record to deliver the Steam Line Project more than 25% below the funded budget and over 40% under the original estimates. The project was successfully delivered without any reportable safety incidents through collaborative design and execution of innovative solutions including:

- Elimination of Request For Information (RFI) through a collaborative design process
- Improvement in safety, minimizing labor activity and reducing cost
- Construction activity during off-hours to minimize risk to personnel and operations
- Innovative cleaning to reduce noise impact to surrounding community



"We extend our congratulations to Merck & Co., Inc. on their 2016 CURT Project Excellence recognition", stated John Gilroy, PE, Senior Vice President, IPS. "The selection acknowledges Merck's demonstration to excellence in all aspects of project delivery, and as a long-standing service provider to them; we couldn't be prouder to have been a part of this award-winning project."

Pictured, from left to right - Greg Sizemore, CURT Executive VP; Al Schwartzkopf, Merck Associate Director GES, CURT Project Excellence Committee Co-Chair; Bob Morris, IPS Project Superintendent; Ron Szabo, Merck Associate Director, GES Project Manager; and Stephen Ayers, CURT President

About IPS

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