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**Sylvan Source M-600 Earns NSF Certification for Perchlorate
Reduction in Drinking Water**

System Delivers Better Than 99-percent Reduction Rate

SUNNYVALE, Calif., November 15, 2006 – Sylvan Source, the provider of breakthrough ultra-clean water systems, today announced that its Sylvan Source M-600 has been certified to reduce perchlorates, a class of increasingly common and hazardous water contaminants, from drinking water. In testing conducted by NSF International, the M-600 delivered more than six times the required reduction level, resulting in treated water with less than 1 part per billion (ppb) of perchlorate. The Sylvan Source M-600 is the only system to pass the NSF/ANSI Standard 62 perchlorate reduction test.

“Perchlorates have been recognized as a contaminant in at least 35 states, and awareness of their presence in drinking water is growing,” said Thomas J. Bruursema, general manager of NSF International’s Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Unit Programs. “Although a national drinking water standard has not yet been established, consumers have made it clear that they expect their drinking water to be free from as many contaminants as possible, and the NSF’s certification program will give consumers the data that they need for making informed decisions about their water treatment choices.”

In certification testing, the M-600 reduced perchlorates by more than 99 percent—to a level below the required maximum allowed in the NSF test of 6 micrograms per liter of treated water. Perchlorates are manmade chemicals that are suspected of disrupting human thyroid functions. They are the primary ingredients of solid rocket propellant,

although they are also used in other industrial and manufacturing processes. Perchlorates have been detected in soil, surface water, and/or drinking water wells in 35 states and Puerto Rico, with the highest concentrations found in Southern California, west central Texas, between New Jersey and Long Island, and in Massachusetts.

“Home-based drinking water treatment systems are not required to be certified for perchlorate reduction,” said Laura Demmons, chief executive officer of Sylvan Source. “However, perchlorate contamination is a growing concern throughout the country and Sylvan Source is committed to ensuring that its products meet, if not exceed, all federal regulations for drinking water purity.”

U.S. House of Representatives bill H. R. 213, the Safe Drinking Water for Healthy Communities Act of 2005, was introduced in January, 2005 by Representative Hilda Solis of California with co-sponsor Representative Mike Honda, also from California, and 26 other co-sponsors from Arizona, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Washington, and Wisconsin. The bill will amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the administrator of the EPA to establish a national primary drinking water regulation for perchlorate by July 31, 2007.

NSF International is an independent, nonprofit world leader in standards development, and NSF/ANSI Standard 62 applies to distillation systems that are designed to reduce specific contaminants, including total arsenic, chromium, mercury, lead, and chloride from public and private water supplies. The maintenance-free Sylvan Source M-600 which passed NSF/ANSI Standard 62 earlier this year, has also achieved certification from the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), California Department of Health Services, Wisconsin Department of Commerce, and the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs.

The Sylvan Source M-600 integrates degassing, distillation, and demisting technologies into a unique multi-step cleaning process. Unlike conventional filtration, reverse osmosis, and distillation systems that require regular equipment cleaning, de-scaling, or filter

changes – which most homeowners find costly and inconvenient – the Sylvan Source M-600 system requires no cleaning, uses no added chemicals, filters, cartridges, or membranes. This allows Sylvan Source to provide consistently clean water over time. One M-600 unit can be used for multiple points of water delivery where demand ranges from two to six gallons per day, such as faucets, refrigerator, and icemakers.

About Sylvan Source

Sylvan Source delivers technically advanced ultra-clean water systems designed for residential and industrial use. Sylvan Source products produce breakthrough water quality and eliminate the use of chemicals, filters, and membranes to assure consistent water quality and delicious taste over time. Founded in 2003, the company is headquartered in Sunnyvale, California and is privately held. For more information, please visit www.sylvansource.com.

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