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WITC CONDEMIS MUMBAL TERRORIST ATTACKS

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years, had killed more than 130 people by Friday morning, including at least six foreign tourists.

The latest violence appears to have specifically targeted popular tourist sites, including two of the city's leading hotels: the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower and the nearby Oberoi Trident. Reports suggest that some hostages are still being held at both hotels, as well as at other public buildings and popular tourist venues.

"We would like to express our deep sympathy to all those who have been directly affected by the terrorist attacks," said Geoffrey J W Kent, Chairman & CEO, Abercrombie & Kent, and Chairman of WTTC, "as well as our strong support of India's Travel & Tourism industry at this difficult time." Jean-Claude Baumgarten, WTTC's President & CEO, is on his way to Mumbai, where he will meet with key industry and government leaders to offer WTTC support.

"It is important to remember at this difficult time that, however terrible, such terrorist attacks cannot undermine the resilience of Travel & Tourism," said Baumgarten, "an industry that cements peace and understanding.

"We are confident that, as in the past, Travel & Tourism will once again show its capacity for recovery."

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(TAMPA , FLORIDA , USA , 07 JANUARY 2009) – ISPE, a global not-for-profit association of 25,000 pharmaceutical science and manufacturing professionals, has announced plans to host a live webinar on 13 January that will allow participants to interact with representatives of the US FDA and discuss critical process validation guidelines.

he live Process Validation webinar will be held on 13 January 2009. Grace McNally, Senior Compliance Officer for the US FDA, and Paul D'Eramo, Executive Director of Johnson & Johnson, will provide insight on the FDA's draft Process Validation Guideline, highlight major concepts contained therein, discuss how the guideline may impact industry, and help participants develop a greater understanding of the document during this 90-minute live webinar. Industry feedback will be requested on the Guidance for response directly to the FDA. D'Eramo will solicit additional comments from participants for consideration by ISPE for its official response to the FDA.

The process Validation Webinar is part of ISPE's Online Learning series. "Learners who once sought to interact face-to-face with presenters may no longer have this option due to budget cuts for travel and other financial constraints, " said ISPE President and CEO Robert P. Best. "We wanted to reach the widest audience possible with this important industry information and we knew that the Internet would be the best way to do that."

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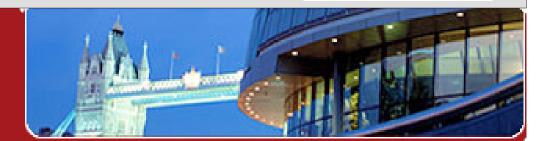




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