



MEDIA RELEASE

Higher net sales revenue of DOTTIKON ES in first quarter 2005

Dottikon, Switzerland, April 12, 2005 – DOTTIKON ES reached a net sales revenue of CHF 35.1 Mio in the first quarter 2005, compared to CHF 20.5 Mio for the same period last year. This increase was mainly due to a high order backlog at the end of 2004 which was shipped in January 2005. Net sales revenue growth for the remaining quarters of 2005 will not continue on this level. DOTTIKON ES' forecast for the net sales revenue 2005 remains slightly higher than 2004, if no extraordinary events occur.

This media release is made on the occasion of the spin-off and IPO of DOTTIKON ES on March 31, 2005. In the future, figures will be published every six months, next time for the half year closing 2005.

DOTTIKON ES, with its production site in Dottikon (Aargau, Switzerland), specializes on hazardous chemical reactions and focuses on the exclusive synthesis of fine chemicals for the pharmaceutical and chemical industry worldwide. The product range of DOTTIKON ES includes active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) and pharmaceutical intermediates as well as in-house-developed, high-value industrial chemicals.

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