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DOTTIKON ES in Acquisition Talks about Solvias Business Unit

Dottikon, Switzerland, July 26, 2012 – DOTTIKON ES Group, specialized in the exclusive synthesis of fine chemicals using hazardous chemical reactions, initiated exclusive talks with Solvias about the acquisition of the Solvias Business Unit "Synthesis and Catalysis" that remained in the facilities in Rosental, Basel, after Solvias moving to the new location in Kaiseraugst. Affected by the potential acquisition are the chemical development and small-scale production for active pharmaceutical ingredients as well as the high-throughput screening and ligand development in the field of catalysis. The Solvias Business Units "Analytical Services" and "Process Analytical Technology" are excluded from the acquisition talks.

DOTTIKON ES, with its production site in Dottikon (Aargau, Switzerland), is specialized in hazardous chemical reactions. Its safety culture created over the last 100 years is utilized to innovatively use hazardous reactions, low-temperature and high-pressure chemistry, as well as continuous processing, to question, tighten or shorten conventional chemical synthesis routes, improve yields, selectivity, and purity, as well as to reduce waste.

DOTTIKON ES employs its versatile technology and equipment portfolio to design, develop, and continuously improve chemical processes, scale up from kilograms to multi-tons, as well as to manufacture high-quality intermediates and exclusive active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for the world's leading pharmaceutical and chemical companies. The one-site strategy of DOTTIKON ES allows short decision and communication pathways. This ensures quick and efficient project development as well as clear and transparent communication with the customers.

DOTTIKON ES HOLDING AG is listed at the SIX Swiss Exchange.

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