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DOTTIKON ES Expands Process Development and Catalysis Capacity

Dottikon, Switzerland, September 17, 2012 – DOTTIKON ES Group, specialized in the exclusive synthesis of fine chemicals using hazardous chemical reactions, increases the development capacities for process development and process optimization at the site in Dottikon by 20 percent and extends its high-pressure technology in heterogeneous and homogeneous catalysis further.

The additional lab units will be put in place to meet the increasing demand for reliable process development of chemically underdeveloped projects under time pressure to secure subsequent production. The units are expected to go operational in the second half of 2013. The catalysis group will be further strengthened and expanded, including development and acquisition of high-pressure parallel screening equipment. Whereas the exclusive talks with Solvias, announced by DOTTIKON ES in July 2012, are terminated. By this decision, the Board of Directors of DOTTIKON ES confirms the belief in the correctness of the one-site strategy that allows short decision and communication pathways, resulting in fast and effective project development and clear and transparent communication to customers.

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.



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