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EXPANSION AT NORGINE MANUFACTURING SITE - UK

In order to support its expanding R&D pipeline, Norgine is investing in the construction of a dedicated technical development facility at its manufacturing site in Hengoed, South Wales.

Aided by a substantial grant from the Welsh Assembly Government, facilities will be established to enable the organisation to accelerate and better support the development of new products, through the provision of services ranging from pre-formulation and formulation development, to cGMP manufacture and packing for stability studies and clinical trials.

Construction is scheduled to start this month, with completion and occupation by the end of the year.

Commenting on this expansion Peter Martin, COO "This is another important step in emphasising Norgines' commitment to delivering new products to meet the needs of healthcare professionals and their patients".

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Notes to editor

Norgine is an independent, successful European specialty pharmaceutical company that has been established for over 100 years and has a presence in all the major European markets. In 2006 Norgine's sales were €188 million, the 20th consecutive year of double-digit growth. The company employs over 1,000 people of whom 350 are in sales and marketing.

Norgine's current focus is pharmaceutical products that address significant unmet clinical need in areas such as gastroenterology, hepatology and pain management. The company currently markets a range of products in its key therapeutic areas e.g. MOVICOL[®] for the treatment of chronic constipation and faecal impaction, MOVIPREP[®] a new generation bowel cleansing preparation, KLEAN-PREP[®] for bowel preparation prior to colonoscopy, and ORAMORPH[®] for the treatment of moderate to severe pain associated with cancer.

Norgine has an active Research and Development effort and currently has products at various stages of clinical development. In addition to its site at Hengoed, Norgine also has a manufacturing site at Dreux in France.

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