



NORGINE LICENCES PATENTS FROM INRA

2 September, London, UK: Norgine today announced that it has taken an exclusive worldwide licence to a patent portfolio from L'Institut National Recherche Agronomique (INRA). Norgine will make milestone and royalty payments to INRA for products they develop covered by INRA patents.

Commenting on the deal Peter Stein, Norgine CEO said "We are delighted to conclude this deal with INRA, which strengthens our IP portfolio and establishes a collaboration with this leading French research institute."

"Norgine's experience in pharmaceutical product development provides a great opportunity to launch products based on INRA's innovative results", INRA Transfert Managing Director, Philippe Lénée added.

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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 direct presence in all the major European markets. In 2008, Norgine's net revenue was €240.7 million, the 22nd year of double-digit net product sales growth at constant exchange rates. The company employs over 1,000 people.

Norgine's focus is the development and marketing of pharmaceutical products that address significant unmet clinical needs 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 constipation and faecal impaction, MOVIPREP® a new generation of bowel cleansing preparation, KLEAN-PREP® for bowel preparation prior to colonoscopy, XIFAXAN® for the treatment of traveller's diarrhoea and ORAMORPH® for the treatment of moderate to severe pain associated with cancer.

Norgine is active in research and development and currently has products in various stages of clinical development. Norgine manufactures most of its own products in Hengoed, Wales and Dreux in France.

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INRA is the French National Institute for Agricultural Research.

Ranked the number one agricultural institute in Europe and number two in the world, INRA carries out mission-oriented research for high-quality and healthy foods, competitive and sustainable agriculture and a preserved and valorised environment.

Created in 2000, its technology transfer subsidiary, INRA Transfert, is in charge of licensing INRA's innovative research results, as well as setting-up European Union funded projects. INRA Transfert manages more than 300 licenses agreements that generated a total revenue of €5.9 millions in 2008.

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