



NextPharma Technologies Builds New ‘State of the Art’ Cold Chain and Logistics Warehouse in Werne, Germany

Surrey, UK, 17th December 2009 - NextPharma, the leading European provider of product development, contract manufacturing and cold chain and logistics outsourcing services to the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, is pleased to announce that it is to build a new ‘state of the art’ Cold Chain and Logistics (CLS) warehouse in Werne, Germany.

The new facility will be located only 3 km distance from the A1 motorway in western Germany, between Münster and Dortmund and will have 15,800m² of warehouse and 1,000m² of office space. The buildings, as well as meeting pharmaceutical service provider requirements, consists of 2 fire sections, 7 conventional docks, 1 jumbo dock and 1 insulated dock. The facility will have modern temperature monitoring (under floor heating, hot-air blowers and air conditioning.) The warehouse is scheduled to be operational by August 2010. It will have wholesaler authorization (§52a AMG) and a manufacturing license (§13 AMG) for manual re-packaging, bundling and labeling of secondary packaging.

Initially the warehouse which will employ more than 40 employees - from commencement will be able to house up to 19,000 euro-pallets and can be expanded further to house up to 26,000 euro-pallets. This expansion plan has already received approval by planning authorities.

Jost Bunse, Managing Director, NextPharma Technologies, CLS commented: “This is a fantastic new addition to the NextPharma CLS network, we look forward to it being operational.” Bill Wedlake, CEO NextPharma commented: “We are aware that more and more products in the Pharmaceutical and Biotech industry require special handling and storage and we are excited at the prospect of being able to meet our customers’ requirements to an even higher standard through this state of the art facility.”

Werne Warehouse Storage

Narrow isle warehouse (+15°C to +25°C):	ca.12.000 euro-pallets (start up capacity)
Cold storage (+2°C to +8°C):	ca. 200 euro-pallets
Controlled drugs (+15°C to +25°C):	ca. 250 euro-pallets
Replenishment capacity in dispatch area:	ca. 2.000 euro-pallets (+15°C to +25°C)

Werne Warehouse Picking and Dispatch

Picking areas with pick-by-light and scan technology

All processes are controlled via radio frequency and barcode scanning

Batch tracing supported and controlled by Warehouse Management System (WMS)

Modern and validated WMS

Critical life saving drugs can be accessed and dispatched 24/7

Experienced Werne CLS Team

As is the case across all NextPharma CLS sites, the Werne facility will be equipped to meet fully the most demanding requirements of our customers through the efforts of our highly qualified and dedicated team of professionals experienced in delivering a broad range of logistics services.

CLS across NextPharma

NextPharma CLS provides 'one stop' logistics solutions tailored to meet the needs of the international pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries under the rigid standards of cGSP/GDP regulations. It is supported by state-of-the-art technology with controlled room temperature storage from 15°C to 25°C down to minus 80°C. Its pick, pack and ship systems ensure the correct product reaches its destination according to the requirements of our customers.

This pre-wholesaling business delivers directly to pharmacies, hospitals, doctors, sales representatives and wholesalers. Customers also benefit from NextPharma's economies of scale.

Logistics services include importation, receipt of goods, storage, order administration, processing of returns, pick, pack, ship/dispatch, accounting, invoicing and debt

collection. NextPharma uses sophisticated Information Technology (IT) systems to provide customers seamless communication with its sites.

NextPharma also provides services that cover the total ‘order-to-cash’ cycle for our customers, e.g. order taking, administration and cash collection. Value added services such as manual re-packaging, returns handling and worldwide export processing are part of our service portfolio.

Bielefeld, Germany

NextPharma Logistics’ main place of trans-shipment is situated in Bielefeld in the eastern part of North Rhine-Westphalia. This location, which is conveniently situated between two motorway intersections, enables the efficient execution of orders.

Quick order processing is extremely important for clients. We have met fully the most demanding requirements with the help of our highly qualified staff and with a storage and distribution zone of 7,900 m² at our disposal.

Services & Capabilities

Centre of Excellence for controlled temperature storage and distribution services

Independent of wholesalers

Pick-by-light System and scan technology

Storage 15-25°C

Storage 2-8°C

Temperature controlled storage

Manufacturing authorisation

Waltrop, Germany

Waltrop Logistics operates from two distribution zones of 1,500 m².

Services & Capabilities

Center of Excellence for controlled temperature storage and distribution services

Independent of wholesalers

Pick-by-light System and scan technology

Storage of controlled substances

Storage 15-25°C

Storage 2-8°C

Storage at -20°C

Temperature controlled storage

Manufacturing authorisation

Stockerau, Austria

NextPharma Stockerau operates in a storage and distribution zone of 4,000 m².

Services & Capabilities

Centre of Excellence for temperature controlled storage and distribution services.

From Stockerau, with its strategically favourable location close to Vienna - NextPharma offers the export of pharmaceuticals into several East European countries.

Temperature Controlled Storage

Storage of controlled substances

Storage 15-25°C

Storage 2-8°C

Independent from wholesalers

Air-conditioned warehouses

Manufacturing authorisation

Pick-by-light system

Turbenthal, Switzerland

NextPharma Logistics' Swiss subsidiary operates in a storage and distribution zone of 1.800 m² in total (shipment, high rack storage area and goods receipt area).

Services & Capabilities

Centre of Excellence for temperature controlled storage and distribution services

Independent of wholesalers

Pick-by-light system

Storage of controlled substances and biologics

Trade license for controlled substances

Storage 15-25°C

Storage 2-8°C

Temperature controlled storage

Authorisation for re-packaging and labeling

San Diego – North America

NextPharma San Diego's controlled temperature storage and distribution services are designed to support clinical trials for the pharmaceutical industry with controlled room temperature storage down to minus 80°C. Our quality system ensures the correct product reaches its destination according to customers' requirements.

Services & Capabilities

Ranging from controlled room temperature (15°C-30°C), 2°C -8°C, -20°C and -80°C

Storage areas are validated, monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Shipment to clinical sites world-wide

Returned product control and destruction

NextPharma develops, manufactures, packages, and distributes a broad range of products and formulations for its customers including solids, liquids and semi-solid dosage forms, antibiotics, hormones and controlled release medicines. It has an established leadership position in the high technology area of injectables manufacturing (lyophilized and liquid fill), with particular expertise in product development and manufacture of oncology medicines.

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About NextPharma

NextPharma Technologies, headquartered in the UK and founded in 2000, is a world class outsourcing partner to the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry.

We offer a full range of services from early phase product development, through clinical trial packaging (Phases I through III) to high volume commercial manufacturing. We are a world leader in lyophilization, sterile fill finish and pellet technologies and in specialist product manufacturing including cytotoxics, hormones, penicillins, cephalosporins and controlled drugs. Our sterile development and production offers a full range of drug delivery technologies including pre-filled

syringes, vials and ampoules. Additionally we have significant expertise in paediatric drug formulation, development and manufacture. NextPharma offers 'one-stop' logistics solutions tailored to meet the needs of the global pharmaceutical industry under the rigid standards of cGSP/GDP regulations.

We operate globally with seven product development centres, seven manufacturing plants and six temperature controlled storage and distribution sites across Europe and North America, supplying customers in North America, Europe and Japan.

We have 1,200 employees dedicated to serving over 200 customers world wide and a customer base, which includes many of the world's leading pharmaceutical, specialty pharma and biotech companies.

We have a proven track record in almost all pharmaceutical technologies and product forms and in addition to the specialist areas above have capabilities in solids, semi-solids, liquids, sprays and dry dosage form technologies.

All of our sites are either FDA inspected, in the process of upgrade for inspection or targeted for upgrade for inspection.