



**NextPharma Technologies Announces the Addition of a New
Encapsulation/Over-encapsulation Machine at Clinical Trials Services Centre in
Göttingen, Germany.**

Surrey, UK, 7th April, 2011 - NextPharma the leading European provider of product development, contract manufacturing and cold chain and logistics outsourcing services to the pharmaceutical and biotech industry, is pleased to announce that it has enhanced its Clinical Trials Services (CTS) facility in Göttingen, Germany through the installation of a ModuC LS IPC encapsulation/over-encapsulation capsule filling machine.

The new machine is fully automated and capable of filling and over-encapsulating a wide range of solid and liquid products. At present it has filling stations for powders, granules, pellets, tablets, capsules and micro tablets. Dependent upon demand, further filling stations can be added. The filling stations can be operated individually or in combination enabling a wide range of filling possibilities. As a result of this flexibility NextPharma can efficiently and cost-effectively encapsulate and over-encapsulate investigational medicinal products with a speed of up to 20,000 units per hour. The machine also has the additional security of having 100% online weight control of each capsule.

On this new addition Sean Marett, Managing Director, NextPharma Technologies, Product Development Services (PDS) commented: “This new machine compliments our already extensive Clinical Trials Services capabilities in Göttingen. As clinical trials become more complex, we are pleased to be in a position to meet strong market demand for fast, efficient and accurate encapsulation and over-encapsulation of investigational medicinal products and their comparators for both large and small clinical trials.”

NextPharma's Göttingen Clinical Trials Services facility was completed in December 2008 and has extensive capacity in packaging suites for primary and secondary packaging and an extended cold storage area (2-8 °C and - 20 °C). It has a dedicated packaging suite for secondary packaging of high potency drugs, such as cytotoxics and the capability to perform primary packaging under inert gas conditions. Moreover, a dedicated suite for the packaging of humidity sensitive investigational medicinal products is also available.

NextPharma's Göttingen Clinical Trials Services facility has been designed specifically to meet the needs of pharmaceutical, biotechnology, contract research organizations and universities. As well as providing packaging and distribution services for non clinical, Phase I and Phase II clinical trials, the facility can also offer greater packaging and distribution capacity for large Phase III and IV trials. It operates to strict cGMP guidelines, meets all European compliance regulations and is in the process of being validated to meet FDA regulatory requirements. Collectively the team at Göttingen has over thirty years experience of providing Clinical Trials Services.

NextPharma also has Clinical Trials Services capabilities at its FDA inspected San Diego, California, US facility which mirror its Göttingen CTS facility.

NextPharma develops, manufactures, packages, and distributes a broad range of products and formulations for its customers from tablets and capsules to antibiotics, hormones, steriles and controlled release medicines. It has an established leadership position in the high technology area of injectables manufacturing, with particular expertise in product development and manufacture of oncology medicines.

NextPharma has recently been acquired by Sun European Partners with a view to leveraging NextPharma's strong track record, reputation and state of the art facilities, to grow the business both organically and by acquisition.

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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.

NextPharma offers a full range of services from early phase product development, through clinical trial packaging (Phases I through III) to high volume commercial manufacturing for New Chemical Entities (NCEs)/New Biological Entities (NBEs) and generic products. The company is a world leader in lyophilization, sterile fill finish and pellet technologies and in specialist product manufacturing including cytotoxics, hormones, penicillins, cephalosporins and controlled drugs. Its sterile development and production offers a full range of drug delivery technologies including pre-filled syringes, vials and ampoules. Additionally NextPharma has 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.

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

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

NextPharma has 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 its sites are either FDA inspected, in the process of upgrade for inspection or targeted for upgrade for inspection.