



BRACCO IMAGING ACQUIRES MANUFACTURING FACILITIES IN SINGEN, WHERE ITS CONTRAST MEDIA HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED FOR TWENTY YEARS

Milan (Italy), May 16, 2011 - Bracco Imaging and Nycomed have signed an agreement to consolidate their long-established cooperation. By the end of 2011, Bracco Imaging will take over the part of Nycomed manufacturing facilities in Singen, close to Constanz (Baden-Württemberg), where the Bracco contrast media agents are being manufactured. The agreement envisages that Nycomed will form a transitional company and will transfer to it the manufacturing licence, the plant and personnel. When this has been completed the transitional company will be acquired by Bracco.

“Nycomed has been manufacturing contrast media for Bracco Imaging for twenty years”, said **Giordano Righini**, General Manager Operations at Bracco Imaging SpA. “The agreement makes the internalization of important Bracco production steps and the strengthening of Bracco presence in Germany possible”.

“As a result of this operation, Singen will remain a vital manufacturing center for Contrast media agents, through which an important part of the global supply of these products will be assured.” said **Rainer Wiartalla**, General Manager Operations at Nycomed GmbH.

Bracco is an international Group active in the healthcare sector through Bracco Imaging (diagnostic imaging), Pharma (prescription and over the counter drugs), Acist Medical Systems (medical devices and advanced imaging agents injection systems based in Minneapolis, USA) and the Centro Diagnostico Italiano diagnostic clinic in Milan. It has more than 2,800 employees and annual total consolidated revenues of over one billion Euro. The Group operates in 90 Countries worldwide. The controlled company Bracco Imaging is one of the key innovators in diagnostic imaging. It has reached this position also through the acquisition of highly scientific and technological value companies in the USA and Canada.

Nycomed is a multinational pharmaceutical group based in Zurich (Switzerland) with revenues of 3.2 billion Euros in 2010 and 12,500 employees.

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