

AnalytiCon Discovery To Identify New Natural Compounds For Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development

AnalytiCon to provide a highly purified, fully elucidated natural product compound library

Potsdam, Germany (July 12, 2005) – AnalytiCon Discovery GmbH (AnalytiCon), a specialist in all aspects of natural product drug discovery, announced it has signed an agreement that will provide Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Division of Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V. (J&JPRD), with full access to the unique chemical diversity contained within AnalytiCon's extensive natural products biological collection. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

According to the agreement, AnalytiCon will apply its proprietary MEGAbolite® technology to isolate and characterize small molecule compounds from a variety of biosources to find novel and pharmaceutically active compounds on behalf of J&JPRD. AnalytiCon will profile both its own extensive proprietary biological collections and biomaterials provided by Tibotec Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Tibotec) that are described in ethnobotany for active compounds. In addition, AnalytiCon will carry out all tasks beginning with the acquisition of plant and microbial material, and the isolation and fractionation of the contained natural product compounds up to their analytical characterization. AnalytiCon expects to deliver more than 500 highly purified compounds with fully elucidated structures to J&JPRD and Tibotec for drug discovery screening activities. AnalytiCon also expects to establish the resupply protocol in order to guarantee compound supply for J&JPRD's follow-up discovery work on an as-needed basis.

"We have had a long business relationship with J&JPRD and we are excited to continue this relationship," said Dr. Lutz Müller-Kuhrt, CEO of AnalytiCon Discovery GmbH. "We expect to supply a number of novel compounds and we look forward to working with J&JPRD within their discovery process."

The internationally operating AnalytiCon Discovery GmbH is a worldwide market-leader in the field of structurally fully elucidated natural product libraries. On the basis of its ready-to-screen technology in the field of natural products (MEGAbolite®) and natural product analogues (NatDiverse™) the company enjoys an exceptional market positioning. AnalytiCon has direct access to roughly a quarter of all known natural compounds worldwide, i.e. in their pure and structurally fully elucidated form. The company is able to offer its clients a complete Supply-Chain-Management from the initial biomaterial to the final lead compound.

About AnalytiCon

AnalytiCon a brand and at the same time successful company, is world's first address for all needs in connection with natural product drug discovery. From prospecting for biosources, via fermentation, extraction and isolation to high throughput structure elucidation, the company provides a vast portfolio of first class services. Beyond that, AnalytiCon produces pure natural compound collections and libraries of synthetic, natural product based molecules carrying relevant bio-active structure elements. The natural product drug discovery platform is complemented by a portfolio of medicinal chemistry services. For further information see www.ac-discovery.com.

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