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Press release

Vetter receives internationally recognized certification for environmental, health and safety program

Leading CDMO meets all ISO 14001 and BS OHSAS 18001 standards

Ravensburg, September 07, 2011 – Vetter received certification for its integrated management system for environmental, health and safety (EHS). The company earned ISO 14001 certification for its environmental management system and BS OHSAS 18001 certification for its occupational health and safety management system. These certifications cover all of Vetter's European facilities and were issued by the international certification network IQNet following extensive audits. Auditors assessed how well the EHS program had been integrated into management and business processes. They also evaluated processes and organizational structures in production and laboratory areas, as well as work safety and waste management activities, among others. Vetter's results were found overall to be superior to those of similar audits.

Vetter has implemented a comprehensive environmental, health and safety management system throughout the company. It ensures compliance with official regulations as well as supports continuous improvement in environmental, health and work safety. The management system is rooted in the company's philosophy and organizational structure, which focus on protecting the employee and the environment. Vetter's EHS policies are explicit, which employees are trained and required to follow. The system's organizational structure includes a management-level steering committee, subcommittees and safety officers, as well as onsite medics, paramedics and standby support services. The program also emphasizes environmental protection; economizing on resources such as paper, water and energy; work safety such as decreasing accidents; and healthy working conditions.

Vetter's environmental focus is reflected in the company's new center for visual inspection and logistics located in Erlen, near Ravensburg, Germany, which is nearing completion. The facility will harness renewable energy across the site, including photovoltaic cells, geothermal energy and a block heating and power plant.

"We are working on the sustainable development of our company," says Thomas Otto, Vetter Managing Director. "That means linking economy, ecology and social aspects in our daily work and future evolution. Through our management system for environmental, health and safety, we have created vital structures and processes. They range from environmental management officers, ergonomic working conditions and energy-saving production methods, to the recycling of waste. That our system has achieved certification shows that we are on the right path. We will continue committing our resources to pursuing ever further improvement."

**About Vetter:**

Vetter is an independent international specialist in the aseptic filling of syringes, cartridges and vials. The company has extensive experience with a broad array of compounds, including monoclonal antibodies, peptides, interferons and vaccines. Headquartered in Ravensburg, Germany, Vetter provides support for pharmaceutical and biotech clients from preclinical development through regulatory approval and global market supply. Vetter's new Chicago facility, an expansion of Vetter Development Service, supports early-stage products. The firm works with the world's leading pharmaceutical and biotech companies, and employs approx. 2,400 staff across Europe and the United States. The innovator of the Vetter Lyo-Ject[®] dual-chamber syringe and V-LK[®] cartridge, the company holds nearly 140 patents and is a leader in the use of RABS technology in cleanrooms. Approved as a foreign manufacturer by the government of Japan, Vetter's global regulatory experience includes numerous customer product approvals by the FDA, EMA and other authorities. Over its more than 25-year history in aseptic filling, Vetter has won many awards for its facilities and operations, including Frost & Sullivan's 2011 European Prefilled Injection Systems Customer Service Leadership Award.

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