

## Press release

### **Vetter wins two coveted awards**

*Leading CDMO is granted both the WorldStar Award for Vetter-Ject® and a 2016 CMO Leadership Award*

**Ravensburg, Germany, February 17, 2016 – The World Packaging Organization (WPO) has awarded Vetter, a leading contract manufacturing and development organization (CDMO), the WorldStar Award 2016 for its syringe closure system Vetter-Ject®. The WorldStar competition is one of the major events of the WPO, and its award represents the pre-eminent international award in packaging. Vetter has now won four internationally recognized awards for a product only released in July 2015. Two of the awards, won prior to the products launch, include the IF Design Award, and the Red Dot Design Award. Recently, Vetter-Ject® won the “German Packaging Award 2015”. At the same time, Vetter is proud to have also been awarded a CMO Leadership Award 2016 in four categories.**

The WorldStar competition is open to any pack or packaging material that has won a recognized or domestic international award related to packaging in either 2014 or 2015. Winning of the German Packaging Award 2015 assured Vetter’s submission to the WorldStar competition. Representatives from 19 packaging associations judged 293 projects entered into the competition from 35 countries. The judging session took place over 2 days in October, 2015 as part of the 95<sup>th</sup> WPO Board Meeting activities. Vetter had previously won the WorldStar award in 1998 for the Vetter Lyo-Ject® dual chamber syringe.

“The winning of this award, certainly one of the most prestigious in the field of global packaging, is very gratifying to Vetter, and yet another affirmation of the value that Vetter-Ject® brings to the biopharmaceutical industry,” said Dr. Claus Feussner, Senior Vice President, Vetter Development Service. “The three awards we had already received, combined with the WorldStar Award, are a validation of the novel design and technological advances of Vetter-Ject®.” Since its introduction in July, Vetter has had positive feedback both from the market and our customers about this system.

### **Vetter-Ject® offers more options for filling highly sensitive compounds.**

Pharmaceutical and biotech companies are increasingly developing drugs that incorporate sensitive and complex compounds. Administering these drugs requires an injection system that can be used flexibly while being safe and simple to handle. Vetter-Ject® is such a system, consisting of a needle hub and a needle shield. Due to the baked-in siliconization process for the glass barrel, less silicon oil than commonly used is necessary, making Vetter-Ject® particularly suitable for silicone-sensitive drug products. The silicon content of the syringe can also be adjusted according to the requirements of the customer. Thus, the amount of silicon used; as well as the related particle load, can be reduced by up to 80% when compared to the standard siliconization process applied to conventional syringe systems.

Vetter-Ject® is ready-to-use with an integrated needle that is simple to handle and user-friendly. The tamper-evident closure enables that any attempt at opening of the closure system will be immediately and permanently visible to the naked eye. Vetter-Ject® can be used with a wide range of primary packaging options like different stoppers and glass barrels, which can be customized according to the needs of the drug product.

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The efficient vetting of potential CMO partners is a difficult experience for pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical executives. To assist in this process, *Life Science Leader magazine* created the CMO Leadership Awards. More than 80 contract manufacturers were assessed by 26 performance metrics in Industry Standard Research's (ISR) annual Contract Manufacturing Quality Benchmarking survey. For 2016, Vetter was named the winner in four categories including, quality, capabilities, expertise, and compatibility.

“Vetter is pleased to be a recipient of this award, particularly since it is a direct reflection of our customers' experience in having worked right alongside us,” said Peter Soelkner, Managing Director. “Their nomination and the granting of the award is a clear indication to Vetter that we continue to exceed the expectations of our peers in areas of critical importance to their business.

Unlike other industry awards that are based on a subjective voting or nomination process, only votes from companies that have cooperated on an outsourced project within the past 18 months in using CMO services are counted.



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**About Vetter**

Vetter is a premier contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) and a global leader in the fill and finish of aseptically prefilled syringe systems, cartridges and vials. Headquartered in Ravensburg, Germany, with facilities in Germany and the United States, the company provides state-of-the-art manufacturing, from early clinical development through commercial filling and packaging of parenteral drugs. The CDMO's extensive experience covers a broad range of complex compounds, including monoclonal antibodies, peptides and interferons. Vetter supports its customers every step of the way, guiding their products through development, regulatory approval, launch and lifecycle management. Known for quality, the company offers a foundation of experience spanning more than 35 years, including dozens of customer product approvals for novel (bio-)pharmaceutical compounds. In 2014, Vetter began operating a branch in Singapore, and in 2015, a subsidiary in Tokyo, Japan, to increase the presence of the company and the awareness of its service portfolio in the Asian healthcare market. Visit [www.vetter-pharma.com](http://www.vetter-pharma.com).

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