

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## EXCIPACT CERTIFICATION SCHEME: TRIENNIAL REREGISTRATION & RECERTIFICATION PROCESS OFF TO A SUCCESSFUL START

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The Board of EXCiPACT asbl is pleased to announce that, as required by the rules of the independent EXCiPACT Certification Scheme for manufacturers and distributors of pharmaceutical grade excipients operational since 2013, the triennial reregistration of the Scheme's Certifying Bodies, Auditors and the recertification of Certificate Holders, has successfully begun.

To date, two Certifying Bodies - SGS Belgium and blue inspection body, Germany (who succeeded MDC) – and four of their auditors have been reregistered and three German-based pharmaceutical grade excipient suppliers – Aug. Hedinger, Merck KGaA, and BIOGRUND – all of whom were first certified in 2013, have been recertified. Full details can be found on www.excipact.org.

Mr Kevin McGlue, the President of the EXCiPACT said "It is most pleasing to note the commitment of these organisations to the EXCiPACT Certification Scheme thus demonstrating its benefits as seen by them all. We are determined to maintain and extend our Scheme for the benefit of the global pharmaceutical industry and their patients".

## Notes for the Editor

EXCIPACT asbl provides management oversight for a high quality, voluntary international scheme that provides for independent 3rd party certification of manufacturers, suppliers and distributors of pharmaceutical excipients worldwide. The Scheme will ensure patient safety through supplier quality while minimising the overall costs for assessing the excipient supply chain. It has been operational since early 2013 since when there has been considerable interest among pharmaceutical excipient suppliers, customers and regulators. For further information see <a href="https://www.excipact.org">www.excipact.org</a> or contact <a href="mailto:info@excipact.org">info@excipact.org</a>.

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