

## Official Opening Ceremony of the New Manufacturing Plant for High Potency Active Ingredients

It is with pleasure that we announce that on Friday, August 20th the official opening ceremony of the new manufacturing plant for High Potency Active Ingredients (**HPAI**) was held at Cerbios-Pharma SA in Barbengo in the presence of Ms. Laura Sadis, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of the Canton Ticino. Present at the event, along with the Cerbios Management, were all the members of the Board of Directors.

This new investment is the result of an expansion strategy initiated by Cerbios in 1996 in the area of HPAI in order to follow the trend of the pharmaceutical industry towards low dose, highly selective active ingredients.

The innovative and highly sophisticated technologies installed in the new Cerbios-Pharma SA plant allow the production of active ingredients in low dosages (few micrograms per dose) using containment units that fully protects the production operator (OEL < 50 nanograms) and the environment during synthesis and manipulation of the resulting dust. Also included is a new system for a so-called "dedicated – multi –purpose plant".

In addition, the new building has space available for additional production units or the introduction of other technologies under development for optimizing yields, time and consequently costs.



The opening ceremony.  
From left : Dr. Jan Van Troostenburg (president) ,  
Mrs. Laura Sadis (Minister of Economy Canton Ticino),  
Dr. Gabriel Haering (CEO).

The HPAI plants consists of :

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>	cGMP Preparative Chromatography
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Floor</b>	synthesis , drying and isolation
<b>Ground Floor</b>	HPAI warehouse, dispensing, repackaging
<b>Underground</b>	Solvents and Waste storage

The Department of Finance and Economic Affairs has recognized the highly innovative and technological value of this plant and the related benefits for the Canton of Ticino. As a result, based on a Law for economic innovation, the Canton has granted a substantial financial contribution to Cerbios. This incentive was an important recognition for Cerbios-Pharma SA, which intends to subsequently expand in the years to come by continually investing in innovative products thus creating additional highly qualified employment possibilities within the Canton.

The new plant is the latest in a long series of investments started in 1999 for the biotechnological as well as the chemical sector that has expanded the site with the newest technologies. Thanks to this continuous expansion it was possible to increase the turnover and profitability of the company including an organic growth of the workforce (+56% since 1999).

Cerbios-Pharma SA is convinced that innovation along with investment in new and innovative technologies is the only direction to follow in order to remain active and competitive in today's marketplace, while maintaining an important



manufacturing site in Switzerland. Thanks to a clearly defined corporate strategy, focused on the development of niche products and investments in modern equipment as well as qualified personnel, it is still possible to remain competitive or even enter into emerging markets where "Made in Switzerland" has a recognized value.



The Minister of Economy Mrs. Laura Sadis together with the Board, the top Management and the directors of Cerbios-Pharma SA at the conclusion of the ceremony in Barbengo.

#### **About Cerbios-Pharma SA**

Cerbios is a privately held company located in Lugano (Switzerland) specialized in the development and manufacturing of chemical and biological APIs for our partners world-wide.

APIs made by Cerbios cover small molecules (Chemical Division), large molecules and Probiotics (Biological Division).

The Chemical Division has specialized in the past 30 years not only in Reduced Folates (leading position), but also in the manufacturing of High Potency Active Ingredients (HPAIs) with long-term experience in the field of Vitamin D derivatives requiring sophisticated production units with high containment levels.

The Biological Division has specialized since 1976 in the research, development and production of Probiotics as active pharmaceutical ingredients, pharmaceutical finished products and feed additives.

In addition, in the last 15 years, Cerbios has acquired a vast experience on Recombinant Proteins from mammalian cells (CHO) based on a state-of-the-art platform.

Services for third parties under exclusive manufacturing is offered in the area of HPAIs for the Chemical Division and Recombinant Proteins for the Biological Division.

Full CMC support is provided to our partners in order to provide them with the supply of cGMP clinical batches, registration/validation material and APIs from commercial manufacturing.

Paramount to this is the supply of all documentation required for a successful registration.

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