

Press Release

Bilcare Global Clinical Supplies expands India Facility

Mumbai, December 4, 2008: Bilcare Global Clinical Supplies (GCS), a leading multi regional provider of clinical trial materials (CTM) services, under its global expansion program, has significantly expanded its packaging operations and Storage capacities at its Pune, India facility to further strengthen its offering to its global customers.

With the current expansion in the facility at Pune, India, the packaging and storage capabilities have increased multifold and the facility has now the ability to manufacture, package and distribute CTM using its own in-house IVRS. The facility with its approval from the local FDA as well as the Narcotics Control Bureau is now fully equipped to not only manage normal CTM but also controlled drug substances.

The facility at Pune, India was commissioned in October 2005 making it the first major operation for providing CTM in India. Subsequently, Bilcare GCS made rapid strides in establishing and continually expanding its operational and distribution capabilities across the world with prime focus on its facilities in Pennsylvania, USA and Powys, UK where it recently infused a major expansion and technology up-gradation program. Bilcare GCS also significantly strengthened its distribution capabilities across the world with its recent formal working agreement with World Courier, a leading specialty logistics company with cold chain expertise.

Mohan Bhandari, Chairman & Managing Director, Bilcare Limited said, the significant investments into the GCS operations and facilities across the world is a testimony to Bilcare's commitment of bringing immense value to its customers by way of realizing its motto of "Speed to Market". The strategic Global presence & focused offerings, along with unique project management skills and collaborative approach form the tenets of key value to our customers. In these times of ever increasing complexities and cost, our innovative offerings are providing synergistic impetus to the pharma innovators who are seeking supportive innovations for enhancing their untiring efforts to bring out newer and safer life saving drugs".

In the recent past, Bilcare GCS USA facility has expanded its operational capabilities with 26 state-of-the-art packaging rooms, new high-speed blistering technology and large-scale bottling line and tripled its capacity of ambient storage facility. The USA facility has also expanded pre-clinical and early-stage development capabilities to include upgraded granulation and capsule filling technology along with significantly enhanced capacity of its formulation and analytical development services. Similar packaging technology up-gradation were done at the UK facility. Bilcare GCS also strengthened its distribution reach in Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Russia and Eastern Europe apart from its own facilities by entering into a formal working agreement with World Courier.

"Bilcare GCS continually strives to meet the market demand and has undertaken operations modernization & technology up-gradation of its facilities in USA and UK and now in India. This will significantly enhance the capability of sponsors to conduct clinical trails across the world inclusive of Asia with desired alacrity", says Ajit Dubhashi – President, Bilcare GCS, Asia Pacific.

About Bilcare Global Clinical Supplies

Bilcare Global Clinical Supplies serves the Americas, Europe, and Asia with clinical trial materials support, services, and complete project management. Its services for solid, semi-solid, liquid, DEA (CI-V) and biotech clinical trial materials (CTM) satisfy a broad range of requirements; from pre-formulation research and development, manufacturing, analytical services and clinical supplies packaging and labeling, to IVRS, QP services, controlled temperature (cold chain) CTM storage, distribution worldwide, and returns and destructions accountability.

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