PRESS RELEASE

AIR LIQUIDE FRANCE INDUSTRIE (ALFI) SITES RECEIVE EXCiPACT GMP CERTIFICATION AS PHARMACEUTICAL EXCIPIENT SUPPLIERS

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EXCiPACT asbl is delighted to announce that the following four **Air Liquide France Industrie** sites have recently been awarded an EXCiPACT Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Certificate from SGS, one of EXCIPACT's internationally-recognised Certification Bodies.

Their scope covers in the pharmaceutical industry:

- **Air Liquide France Industrie, Feyzin Activité Liquide, Feyzin : Production and distribution of Phargalis liquid nitrogen and liquid oxygen;**
- **Air Liquide France Industrie, Feyzin Activité Conditionné, Feyzin: Production of Phargalis 1 (nitrogen) packaged gases;**
- **Air Liquide France Industrie, Grande Synthe: Production and distribution of Phargalis liquid nitrogen;**
- **Air Liquide France Industrie, Moissy-Cramayel: Production and distribution of Phargalis liquid nitrogen.**

For full details of all sites that have been EXCiPACT certified to date in **15 Countries** (Canada, China, Belgium, France, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, UK and USA), see http://www.excipact.org/certificate-holders.html. Both SGS and their auditors had to undergo a rigorous assessment process in order to be EXCiPACT Registered. This required the successful completion of the EXCiPACT Training Programme and post-course examination followed by an independently witnessed audit to verify that their competency was to the required standard. SGS also had to have their auditor's report verified by an independent certification board prior to issuing the certificate.

EU and U.S. pharmaceutical regulations require drug manufacturers to conduct either their own or commission 3rd party physical audits of all their starting material suppliers to demonstrate GMP and/or GDP compliance thus increasing the audit burden. Using GMP and GDP standards designed for excipients, the independent, high quality 3rd Party EXCiPACT Certification Scheme is already helping excipient users and suppliers to reduce their audit burden, save costs and assure quality.

Notes for the Editor

EXCiPACT asbl provides management oversight for a high quality, voluntary international EXCiPACT Certification Scheme that provides for independent 3rd party GMP and/or GDP 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 www.excipact.org or contact info@excipact.org