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CARBAGAS AG RECEIVES EXCiPACT CERTIFICATION AS PHARMACEUTICAL EXCIPIENT SUPPLIERS

Brussels, 19 April 2016:

EXCiPACT is pleased to announce that Carbagas AG has recently been awarded an EXCiPACT Certificate from AJA Registrars Germany, one of EXCiPACT's internationally-recognised Certification Bodies.

The Certificate demonstrates that the **Carbagas AG site in Utzenstorf (Switzerland)** manufactures pharmaceutical excipients according to the EXCiPACT Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Certification Standard. Its scope includes the design, production and storage of excipients of pharmaceutical grade cryogenic liquefied gases (nitrogen, oxygen, argon).

This is the 31st site to be certified globally to date and the first in Switzerland. The other sites are in Canada, China, Belgium, Germany, India, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Spain, USA and the UK - see <http://www.excipact.org/certification/certificates/>

Both AJA Registrars Germany 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 now 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 new, 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 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 was launched in January 2012 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. EXCiPACT is a registered trademark.

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