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## **RohnerChem announces strategic alliance with Advantar Laboratories, Inc.**

RohnerChem, an industry leader in scale-up and cGMP commercial scale custom synthesis of complex, small molecule API's and advanced intermediates, announces a nonexclusive alliance with Advantar Laboratories, Inc. of San Diego, CA, a full service cGMP/GLP contract analytical services provider for small to mid-sized pharmaceutical companies.

RohnerChem will partner with Advantar to provide U.S. pharmaceutical clientele with full CMC support for their later stage clinical and commercial ready API's including, but not limited to Synthetic Route Optimization and cGMP Production for Clinical Trial Materials or Commercial Drug Ingredients, Preformulation and Formulation Development, Method Development and Validation, Routine QC/Compendial Testing, Stability Studies, API and Standards Characterization and Distribution as well as CMC Consultancy Services for U.S. and E.U. Regulatory Compliance.

Brandon Griffin, Western Regional VP of Sales at Rohner Inc, the US subsidiary of RohnerChem, says «our alliance with Advantar enables clients to leverage more comprehensive, seamless and cost-effective CMC solutions for their proprietary compound during these tough economic times.» Griffin added «unlike other larger CRO's or CMO's that tout full service offerings, which don't always meet the needs of smaller pharmaceutical companies, the respective expertise of Advantar and RohnerChem strongly complement one another; we share the vision of creating and maintaining operational efficiencies, and providing scalable as well as flexible solutions to ensure the science is good and the customer experience is simply the best possible.» Richard Kenley, President and CEO – Advantar Laboratories commented «RohnerChem brings a tremendous resource to our existing service offerings as specialty custom synthesis partner with large multi-ton scalability, especially for companies that seek an efficient means of reaching both the European and U.S. markets. Combined with our other partnerships, our clients can obtain comprehensive, fully transparent and most importantly, highly reliable services for every program they entrust to us.»

Founded in 1906, RohnerChem, a Swiss based custom cGMP manufacturer leverages conventional chemistry with expertise in several state-of-the-art technologies (e.g. Transition Metal Catalysis, polymer synthesis, high pressure/low temperature reactions) to support customers with unique and challenging production requirements for complex small molecules, specialty chemicals and novel polymers. As an FDA inspected facility, RohnerChem offers U.S. based pharmaceutical companies cGMP compliant solutions matched with the highest level of responsiveness, operational flexibility and rapid scale-up expertise to ensure the right product is made under the right conditions. For more information, please visit RohnerChem online at <http://www.rohnerchem.com>

Advantar Laboratories, Inc. is a Southern California based cGMP/GLP Analytical Laboratory offering solutions ranging from Pre-formulation and Formulation Development, Method Development and Validation for large and small molecules to Routine QC/Compendia Testing, Stability Studies and Storage, Toxicology Test Article Preparation/Testing and Consultancy in Pharmaceutical Development.