

## News Release

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### **Evocatal and RohnerChem announce strategic partnership for enzymatic chemistry development and upscaling**

Düsseldorf/Germany and Pratteln/Switzerland (January 26th, 2012) – Evocatal and RohnerChem combine their complementary services to offer customers a seamless solution for the development of high-performance biocatalytic processes and their rapid application in the synthesis of fine chemicals and API.

The focus of this strategic partnership is to offer highly innovative routes to enantiomerically pure products, to realize the most cost-competitive process for a customer product from the beginning and to reduce commercialization timelines. The preferred but non-exclusive partnership will allow customers to benefit from the synergy of Evocatal's premium services in development and supply of tailored enzymes and RohnerChem's unique process development and upscaling capabilities.

The Evocatal enzyme universe consists of a variety of Ketoreductases, C-C-coupling enzymes, Esterases, Transaminases, Hydroxynitrilases and others which allow access to almost all functional groups in very cost competitive processes and with ee values almost always close to 100 %.

For enantiomerically pure products for which the process is not yet available, Evocatal can quickly develop and produce tailored enzymes which will be applied in RohnerChem's pilot plant and production equipment. The experience of RohnerChem in asymmetric hydrogenations and other complementary technologies ensures that really the most economic process will be selected in this partnership.

Customers will have to deal with only one project manager to reduce complexity and maximise service levels.

"The technologies and capabilities of evocatal and RohnerChem match excellently", says Dr. Michael Puls, Managing Director of evocatal. "By combining the chemical technologies and scale-up abilities of RohnerChem with the high efficiency of our biocatalysis platforms we can provide most comprehensive services and create great value for our customers."

Dr Andreas Meudt, Sales & Marketing Director of RohnerChem, commented: "Our cooperation with the Evocatal enzyme experts completes the RohnerChem offering in state-of-the-art synthesis methods and allows us to ensure that our customers get the best process in the shortest possible timeframe - with Swiss precision in upscaling."

Financial terms of the partnership were not disclosed.

#### About RohnerChem

RohnerChem is a Swiss custom manufacturer specializing in organic syntheses of complex molecules. The technologies include transition metal catalysis, high pressure hydrogenations, enzymatic chemistry, carbonylations, low-temperature reactions (-90 °C), handling of hydrazine and other toxic and malodorous reagents and polymerizations. Custom manufacturing with RohnerChem means technology transfer, process optimization, scale-up, piloting and large-scale production of your intermediate or active pharmaceutical ingredient based on a broad tool box of capabilities and technologies. All laboratory and large scale manufacturing is carried out according to ISO up to cGMP standards. For additional information, please visit [www.rohnerchem.com](http://www.rohnerchem.com).

#### About Evocatal

evocatal is a German provider of enzyme technology and biocatalytical processes. The company offers a catalog of ready-to-use enzymes (evozymes) and chiral building blocks but also offers the customized development of exclusive biocatalysts and chemical processes, tailored to match the unique demands of our customers. evozymes are applied in API- and intermediate synthesis, but also in consumer goods industries, including the production and refinement of textiles, adhesives, detergents, nutrition and cosmetics. Our enzymes and chiral building blocks can be provided in every scale. For further information please visit our website [www.evocatal.com](http://www.evocatal.com) or contact us by email: [info@evocatal.com](mailto:info@evocatal.com).

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