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GRACE GmbH RECEIVES EXCiPACT™ CERTIFICATION AS PHARMACEUTICAL EXCIPIENT SUPPLIERS

Brussels, 17th June, 2015:

EXCiPACT asbl is delighted to announce that **Grace GmbH & Co. KG** has recently been awarded an EXCiPACT™ Certificate from DGS GmbH, one of EXCiPACT's internationally-recognised Certification Bodies.

The Certificate demonstrates that the **Grace site at Worms, Germany** manufactures pharmaceutical excipients according to the EXCiPACT™ Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) Certification Standards.

This is the eighth site in Germany to receive EXCiPACT Certification and it is the 20th site to be certified globally to date. The others sites are in Canada, Belgium, France, India, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia and Spain, see <http://www.excipact.org/certification/certificates/>

Both DQS 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.

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 asbl 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.

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