

ChromaCon and Knauer sign marketing and distribution agreement for Contichrom™ equipment

Today, ChromaCon AG and Knauer GmbH announced a license and collaboration agreement, whereby ChromaCon grants Knauer a semi-exclusive license for world-wide marketing, distribution and after-sales services of the Contichrom™ lab-scale preparative chromatography unit for use in discovery, process development and small scale production. Financial details were not disclosed. The launch is scheduled for late 2011, having a competitive price compared to standard preparative chromatographic equipment.

The Contichrom™ platform is a unique all-in-one process solution, allowing to use multiple process principles such as batch chromatography, sequential multi column chromatography, simulated-moving-bed and ChromaCon's MCSGP process principle with the same equipment. The Contichrom™ lab-scale unit is based on components of Knauer's BlueShadow equipment platform. The software allows automated process transformation from batch to MCSGP, thereby shortening the development time for biopharmaceutical processes while improving purity and yield.

Guido Stroehlein, CEO of ChromaCon states "We are very pleased to enter into this collaboration with Knauer. We believe that Knauer is an excellent marketing partner with a track record for manufacturing of superior equipment. The Contichrom platform will allow users in the biopharmaceutical industry and academia to develop superior processes and to have the flexibility to use different processes with the same equipment."

Alexander Buenz, Managing Director of KNAUER states: "We are deeply satisfied to have ChromCon as partner at our side. We have got to know ChromaCon as a vivid and highly innovative company. The capabilities and competencies of both partners, using the software from ChromCon and the technology from KNAUER will enable us to enrich our product offering for our customers in the biopharmaceutical market satisfying their existing and yet to come needs."

About KNAUER

Founded in 1962, KNAUER has been a world-leader and innovator in the fields of analytical and preparative HPLC pumps, detectors, columns, HPLC and UHPLC systems as well as SMB equipment for almost 50 years, with DIN EN ISO 9001 and DIN EN ISO 14001 compliant Quality and Environmental Management Systems. For additional information, visit www.knauer.net.

About ChromaCon AG

ChromaCon is a Swiss biopharmaceutical tool company providing enabling purification technologies, equipment and services. Its proprietary Contichrom™ technology (using the MCSGP principle) is based on continuous chromatography, a powerful tool for the economic purification of components from complex mixtures, enabling the development of previously not accessible novel biological medicines and life cycle products with improved characteristics. For additional information, visit www.chromacon.ch.

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