
Wockhardt and Sheffield Bio-Science, USA announce a strategic alliance to distribute recombinant insulin in cell culture markets globally

Exclusive alliance for sales, marketing and development worldwide

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Pharmaceutical and biotechnology major, Wockhardt Limited has entered into a strategic global alliance with Sheffield Bio-Science, a Kerry Group Business from the USA. Under this partnership, Sheffield Bio-Sciences will have exclusive sales and distribution rights to supply recombinant insulin to the Cell Culture Markets worldwide. According to estimates, the potential in cell culture markets is around US\$ 50 million.

Speaking about this landmark alliance, Dr. Habil Khorakiwala, Chairman, Wockhardt Group stated, "This partnership is a reaffirmation of Wockhardt's biotechnology research prowess and a confluence of innovative novel technology now being offered to global cell culture markets".

Sheffield's Director of Global Business Development, Hans Huttinga stated, "We are looking forward to developing a strong and lasting partnership between our organisations."

As a part of the alliance over a period of time, Wockhardt shall develop and supply Animal Component Free (ACF) recombinant insulin for the distribution in the cell culture markets.

Wockhardt was the first in Asia and only the fourth company in the world to have developed, manufactured and marketed Wosulin – recombinant insulin injectables. Wockhardt's state-of-the-art Biotech Park in Aurangabad has six dedicated manufacturing facilities and was inaugurated by the then President of India, His Excellency, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

"This strategic alliance marks another step in our continued investment to strengthen our cell culture media supplement portfolio", said Edmond Scanlon, President of Sheffield Bio-Science.

About Wockhardt

Wockhardt is a high technology global pharmaceuticals and biotechnology major with innovative multi-disciplinary research and development programmes. It has 5 research centres and 21 world-class manufacturing plants in India, USA, UK, France and Ireland. Wockhardt has a multi-ethnic workforce of over 6500 from 14 different nationalities.

About Sheffield Bio-Science

Sheffield Bio-Science, part of Kerry Group, is a leader in innovation and applications of cell nutrition and excipients. With product ranging from media ingredients used in biotechnological production systems, to lactose, coatings and tableting systems, Sheffield Bio-Science applies its applications expertise to deliver integrated solutions that meet unique customer challenges.