

UCB Invests in New Swiss Biotechnology Production Unit

The Belgian pharma and biotech company UCB has laid the first stone of its new biotechnology production unit in Switzerland.

ENGINEERINGNET.EU -- **Roch Doliveux**, CEO of UCB during the ceremony: "The decision to add biotechnology manufacturing capability is significant for UCB, especially since this new plant – along with the Braine l'Alleud site in Belgium - is destined to become a strategic biotechnological production centre for the group."

With an estimated total investment of up to EURO 250 million, the new production unit will focus on producing UCB's antibody-based drugs, including Cimzia (certolizumab pegol), which treats the symptoms of Crohn's disease and rheumatoid arthritis. The investment should ultimately lead to the creation of up to approximately 140 new jobs.



Roch Doliveux, CEO UCB

UCB is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of innovative medicines and solutions to transform the lives of people living with severe diseases of the immune system or of the central nervous system. With more than 8 000 people in about 40 countries, the company generated revenue of EUR 3.2 billion in 2011. << (BB) (photo: UCB)

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ENGINEERINGNET.EU - The Luxembourg based cleantech company Epuramat has been selected as winner of TiE Silicon Valley's TiE50 Award 2012. The expert committee selected the 50 most emerging companies from a pool of more than 2,100 promising startups from the categories cleantech and energy, software, internet, mobile and life sciences. This year's 4th annual awards program evaluated the winners on three criteria: business model, intellectual property value and leadership team. The judges are among the most experienced industry experts, CEOs and serial entrepreneurs with specific domain expertise and worked independently in their selection process.

Founded in 2005 in Luxembourg, Epuramat provides compact, chemicals-free and energy-efficient water and wastewater treatment solutions. << (BB) (photo: Epuramat)

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