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Fresenius Kabi strengthens position in central and eastern Europe

Fresenius Kabi, a subsidiary of the health care group Fresenius, continues to expand its market position in central and eastern Europe. The European market leader in infusion and nutrition therapy today signed an agreement to acquire Infusia a.s., Horatev, a Czech manufacturer of infusion and parenteral* nutrition solutions.

Infusia a.s. markets its products in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and other eastern European countries and can look back on a history spanning more than 70 years. The Group is well-known in the region and expects sales in 2004 of about 10 million euros.

A modern production site in Horatev, about 50 kilometers east of Prague, meets all the quality standards of European pharmaceutical regulators.

With the acquisition of Infusia a.s., Fresenius Kabi will become one of the leading suppliers in the infusion solution and clinical nutrition segments in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

* Providing intravenous nourishment

Fresenius Kabi has around 11,400 employees in more than 30 countries. Sales of 1,463 million Euros were achieved in 2003, generating an operating profit of 147 million Euros.

With its philosophy "Caring for life" and a broad product and service portfolio, the company aims at improving the quality of life of patients all over the world. Fresenius Kabi's core product range comprises infusion solutions for fluid substitution, blood volume expansion and parenteral nutrition, as well as products for enteral nutrition. Furthermore the company provides concepts for ambulatory health care and is focused on managing and providing home therapies.

Fresenius Kabi AG is a 100% subsidiary of the health care group Fresenius AG.

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