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## Fresenius Investor News

### **Fresenius obtained antitrust approval to acquire HELIOS Kliniken and the business of Clinico**

Fresenius obtained antitrust approval from the European Commission for the acquisition of HELIOS Kliniken GmbH, Fulda, Germany, announced in October. Furthermore, Fresenius obtained the approval of the German antitrust authority to acquire the business of Clinico GmbH, Bad Hersfeld, Germany. This will allow the closing of both acquisitions before the end of this year.

With HELIOS, Fresenius has an excellent platform for further growth in the German hospital market. HELIOS is one of the largest and most successful private German hospital operators with expected sales of approx. € 1.2 billion in 2005. The company is recognized for having the highest medical standards in the sector. HELIOS owns 24 hospitals with a total capacity of approx. 9,300 beds. The company is the only hospital chain in Germany that operates four maximum-care hospitals with more than 1,000 beds each.

Clinico manufactures medical devices used for the application of infusion therapies and clinical nutrition. With this acquisition, Fresenius Kabi extends its product portfolio and will distribute Clinico's products through its existing sales and distribution organization. In addition, the company expands its development and production network for medical devices. Clinico achieved sales of € 51.5 million in the fiscal year 2004/05 (September 30).

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