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FORTÉ PHARMA
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Forté Pharma obtains the authorization to develop and market medicines

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- This authorization reinforces the company's interest in strengthening their activity in the health range of products.
- The authorization might facilitate strategic alliances with pharmaceutical laboratories with no sales network in Europe.

Barcelona, 13th October 2009 - As stated in the ministerial order 2009-349 of 10th July 2009, the Principality of Monaco conferred Forté Pharma, head company of Natraceutical Group's Nutritional Supplements Division, the sanitary authorization to develop and market their own medicines or those of third parties in Europe.

As a result of the agreements between the European Community and the Principality of Monaco, this authorization will allow Forté Pharma to operate with medicines in Monaco and France, as well as in the rest of the countries from the European Union, following to the administrative registration in the countries concerned.

This authorisation will not only allow Forté Pharma to develop medicines within the segments where the company has an extensive experience, but it might also facilitate potential strategic alliances with pharmaceutical laboratories that do not currently have their own sales network in Europe.

Forté Pharma is the third laboratory in the French nutritional supplements market and the leading brand in the segment of weight control, with a market share of over 17%. Due to its leading position in France, the strategic plan designed by Natraceutical Group after the acquisition of the company in October 2006, included the creation of a pan-European leading brand and an own sales network in Europe, for the marketing of their products in pharmacies. Currently, Forté Pharma operates in over ten European countries and has export activity in several markets outside the EU.

Forté Pharma owns a portfolio of products containing over sixty references in the areas of weight control, health and beauty, and has more than ten years experience in the nutritional supplements market. The new status will allow Forté Pharma to accelerate the development of its strategic plan, through which the company intends to enhance its health product range in the coming years. Over the last three years since Forté Pharma was acquired by Natraceutical Group, the health range has reached up to 30% of the total sales, expecting this progression to speed up in the short-medium term.

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According to Xavier Adserà, chairman of Natraceutical Group: "After the recent announcement of the merger of our Ingredients Division with the French company Naturex, one of the objectives was to focus our management team in the full development of Forté Pharma's business plan. With an own sales network in Europe and a portfolio of products exclusively sold in pharmacies, the sanitary authorization to deal with medicines will allow us to make a further step in the construction of a project whose characteristics make it different in Europe".

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Spanish multinational corporation Natraceutical Group is at the forefront of biotechnology applied to nutrition, a leading reference in the research and development of naturally-sourced functional / active ingredients and nutritional complements for the foodstuffs, pharmaceutical and cosmetics sectors. The company streamlines its industrial activity through Laboratoires Forté Pharma, specialising in food supplements in the areas of health, weight control and beauty, which the company markets exclusively in pharmacies.

On October 1st 2009, Natraceutical Group announced the merger of their Ingredients Division with the quoted French company Naturex, where Natraceutical will hold a 39% stake.

The merger with Naturex will give birth to the leading independent company in natural ingredients in the world, running production facilities in the USA, France, Spain, Italy, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Morocco, Australia and Brazil, together with their own sales offices in Europe, the US and Asia-Pacific, and a worldwide sales network.

Natraceutical quotes in the Spanish stock exchange under the ticker NATE.MC. Total outstanding shares: 328,713,946.

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