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## Solvias AG wins European Outsourcing Award 2009

**The award was received in the category “Best Analytical Contract Project”. Solvias performed the complete analysis within strict deadlines for the CMC documentation for IDM Pharma's orphan medicinal product MEPACT®. The combination of professional project management, skilled technical staff, state of the art equipment and practices and an ingrained GMP culture were vital factors.**

The task for Solvias was to develop, validate and perform tests for batch release including comparability and stability studies. The analysis of Mifamurtide was not only challenging due to the physical and chemical properties of the molecular entities themselves but these challenges were compounded by the need for a transition from older methods to ones that meet current standards within a tight timescale. The project's success was also due to teamwork, as close collaboration between the three key contract manufacturers - based in Switzerland (drug substance), Japan (lipids) and the US (drug product) – was necessary. The strategy of separating analysis from manufacturing requires strong project management but has proven to be a cost effective model that has met all the sponsor's demands. IDM Pharma's MEPACT® (Mifamurtide, L-MTP-PE) received approval in Europe in March 2009 for treatment of patients with respectable osteosarcoma.

“We are very proud to have contributed to the success of our customer and to this project, which provided us with the opportunity to win the European Outsourcing award. The award is a great honour for Solvias and a testimonial to our competence in handling complex, analytical tasks within strict deadlines to support our customers in a cost effective way”, stated Dr. Hansjörg Walther, CEO of Solvias AG.

This was not the first Outsourcing Award for Solvias. The company also received an Award in 2005 together with Novasep in the “Outstanding Application” category showing the technological maturity of transition-metal-catalyzed reactions on a production scale. In 2007 the award was again won, this time for an integrated chemical and analytical development project in the “Most Effective Scale-Up /Tech Transfer” category for a complex API intended for use in toxicology studies.

The most recent award was conferred during CPhI 2009 Madrid in October and rewarded an analytical contract project, which provided a fully integrated approach to pharmaceutical product development. The judges looked for evidence of a partnership that found the most rapid and cost-effective route to move a drug candidate from development to commercialization. Judging criteria included: Quality of material put place, timeframe, documentation quality, global QA system level, availability and flexibility, qualification and validation level of facilities, apparatus and process.

### **About the European Outsourcing Award**

Launched in 2005, the European Outsourcing Awards recognizes significant developments in contract services and rewards successful companies for their outstanding contributions and achievements throughout the year. The awards were created to celebrate and recognize excellence in R&D, marketing, business and technology across the pharmaceutical industry. More: [www.europeanoutsourcingawards.com](http://www.europeanoutsourcingawards.com)

### **About Solvias**

Solvias offers increased capacity and profound know-how for analytical and chemical development. Its experience and proven track record provides confidence that projects will be completed expertly and on time. With its services, products and technologies Solvias provides integrated solutions to the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry worldwide. The portfolio covers:

- Analytical Services
- Biopharmaceutical Analysis
- Solid-State Services: Polymorphism, Salts, and Crystallization
- Chemical Development and API Manufacturing up to phase II
- Catalysis
- Process Analytical Technology
- Patent and Search Services

Solvias operates with more than 300 specialists as a privately-held company located in Basel (Switzerland).

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