

SCHOTT Begins Ready-to-Fill Syringe Production in United States

Firm's Expansion to Add Jobs in Lebanon, Pa. Area; Full Line of SCHOTT Pharmaceutical Packaging Products Now Produced in North America

October 13, 2009 Lebanon, Pa. — SCHOTT's Pharmaceutical Packaging business today inaugurated production of ready-to-fill glass syringes at its manufacturing facility in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The new production capability, the result of investment in excess of \$14MM, will result in approximately 40 new jobs over the next 12 months.

Syringe production capability at the 170,000-square foot Lebanon plant will be 270,000 units per day, with SCHOTT moving to round-the-clock production within the next two years.

With the addition of ready-to-fill syringes to its portfolio of vials, ampoules and cartridges, the entire complement of SCHOTT pharmaceutical packaging products will now be produced in North America. SCHOTT will be only the second company to produce ready-to-fill syringes in the United States.

"We hope to increase the market share of domestically produced ready-to-fills, once we are fully operational here in Lebanon," said Renard Jackson, Vice President of SCHOTT North America, Inc. and General Manager of its Pharmaceutical Packaging Division. "We're delivering the same high quality standards our customers have come to expect."

SCHOTT is expanding both its product line and U.S. production capacity to meet accelerating demand for syringes in the North American market. Due to an aging American population and the growth of therapeutic injected drugs for diabetes, cancer and autoimmune diseases, SCHOTT expects market demand for ready-to-fill glass syringes that will grow by 8 -10 percent per year. Ready-to-fill syringes answer growing market demand for speed and ease-of-use, while minimizing dosage errors.

Long-term plans for the Lebanon facility include further investment in excess of \$30MM and incremental employment of 80, although the timing of the investment remains uncertain.



SCHOTT products and production processes conform to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's current good manufacturing practice (cGMP) standards. The production line incorporates the most advanced techniques, including dimensional camera inspection and clean room final packaging.

SCHOTT is celebrating its 125th year in business, and the 40th anniversary of the opening of its first American operations in Duryea, Pa. The company has been producing pharmaceutical products in the United States since 1992.

SCHOTT Pharmaceutical Packaging

SCHOTT Pharmaceutical Packaging is one of the world's leading suppliers of parenteral packaging for the pharmaceutical industry. More than 600 production lines with production sites in 12 countries worldwide produce more than 7 billion syringes, vials, ampoules, cartridges and special articles of tubing glass or polymer annually. Pure raw materials, state-of-the-art manufacturing, world class inspection technologies, and continuous research and development enable the introduction of innovative product solutions to meet the high demands of our customers. The back-up possibilities, offered by our production sites situated all over the world, provide flexibility, reliability and security to our partners. Our production sites operate in a cGMP environment and our products comply with the international standards USP, EP and JP.

About SCHOTT

SCHOTT is a technology-driven, international group that sees its core purpose as the lasting improvement of living and working conditions through special materials and high-tech solutions. Its main areas of focus are defense, household appliance industry, pharmaceutical packaging, optics and opto-electronics, information technology, consumer electronics, lighting, automotive engineering and solar energy.

SCHOTT has a presence in close proximity to its customers through highly efficient production and sales companies in all of its major markets. The company has approximately 17,000 employees producing worldwide sales of approximately \$3 billion. In North





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The company's technological and economic expertise is closely linked with its social and ecological responsibilities.

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