

## **Dr. Willmar Schwabe Pharmaceuticals acquires Dr. Peithner Holding GmbH, Austria**

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Dr. Willmar Schwabe Pharmaceuticals today announced the acquisition of the privately held Dr. Peithner Holding GmbH, Vienna, Austria. With this acquisition, Schwabe will expand its presence in Austria and Central & Eastern Europe (CEE).

Dr. Dirk Reischig, Chairman and CEO of Dr. Willmar Schwabe Pharmaceuticals: "We are very pleased that the Peithner group of companies joins Schwabe. For more than 50 years Schwabe and Peithner have already been working closely and successfully together – through joint ventures and otherwise - in distributing herbal medicines and homeopathics in Austria and subsequently CEE. Peithner's excellent marketing and sales expertise will gain additional momentum from a strong parent company. With this acquisition we are looking forward to strengthen Schwabe's presence in Central Europe, one of Schwabe's strategic key markets for future growth."

Mag. pharm. Martin Peithner, Managing Director of Austroplant GmbH and Dr. Peithner KG: "We are delighted to align with Dr. Willmar Schwabe Pharmaceuticals and look forward to further enhance the significant growth the Peithner group has enjoyed over the past years. We believe that the dedication of Schwabe and Peithner to the development of high quality herbal medicines and homeopathics will benefit our customers in many ways. A strong portfolio of natural medicines well accepted by both healthcare professionals and consumers provides a sustainable base for reaching our targets."

Dr. Willmar Schwabe Pharmaceuticals, a family owned company founded in 1866, is headquartered in Karlsruhe, Germany. For more than 140 years, Schwabe has been dedicated to providing patients and health care professionals with clinically proven herbal medicines and natural health care solutions. Today, the group is the world leader in the research and development as well as manufacturing of herbal medicines and comprises more than 20 subsidiaries and joint ventures around the

world. Schwabe products are sold in over 60 countries. Worldwide sales exceeded 500 mio € in 2008.

Dr. Peithner Holding GmbH owns three companies either alone or through joint ventures with Schwabe. Austroplant GmbH is dedicated to the marketing and sales of herbal medicines in Austria, whereas Arzneimittel Schwabe International (ASI) GmbH is serving the Czech, Slovak, Hungarian and Romanian markets through local affiliates. Dr. Peithner KG produces and distributes homeopathic remedies.

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