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PRESS RELEASE

Ypsomed launches the Ypsopen® in Poland

Burgdorf, April 14th, 2009, 8:00am – Ypsomed is launching its own reusable Ypsopen® pen system in Poland for the administration of insulin. Starting in the spring of 2009, the Ypsopen® will be distributed in Poland under the name “Ypsopen® Polfa Tarchomin” by the Polish pharmaceutical company Polfa Tarchomin S.A. together with the six Polhumin® insulins (Polhumin R, Polhumin N, Polhumin Mix-2, Polhumin Mix-3, Polhumin Mix-4 and Polhumin Mix-5). In Poland today, 2.7 million people live with diabetes thereof around 1 million are insulin dependent. With the introduction of the Ypsopen® they are being offered a tried-and-tested, user-friendly pen system for the precise and safe administration of insulin.

Richard Fritschi, CEO of Ypsomed, is delighted: “Poland is an important market in Europe with great potential for our own Ypsopen® insulin pen. In the medium-term we have plans to launch the Ypsopen®, which allows for the application of insulin from standard cartridges, in other countries in addition to Poland, Germany and China. Negotiations are ongoing.”

In Germany, the Ypsopen® is distributed by Ypsomed through wholesalers and pharmacies and via Ypsomed's diabetes direct subsidiary DiaExpert, for use with Sanofi-Aventis' insulins. In China, Ypsomed cooperates with Dongbao, China's largest insulin manufacturer, which is marketing the Ypsopen® for its own insulins under the name “Dongbao Pen.” The Ypsopen®, a high quality metal insulin pen based on tried-and-tested platform technology, provides diabetics with additional functionality to simplify handling. For example the electronic display offers simple operation and ensures that the dose is easy to read.

Further information is available from Daniel Kusio, Head of Investor & Public Relations at Ypsomed Holding AG. Tel. +41 34 424 41 43 or Tel. +41 34 424 41 11. This press release and additional information are available in electronic form at www.ypsomed.com.



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