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### **Ypsomed and Adval Tech agree a strategic cooperation in moldmaking**

**Burgdorf/Niederwangen, June 21, 2007, 7.00 a.m. – Ypsomed AG, Burgdorf, and Adval Tech Holding Ltd, Niederwangen, have signed an agreement on a strategic cooperation in moldmaking. The goal of this agreement is to combine the respective strengths and core competencies of Ypsomed and Adval Tech and exploit them for the economical manufacturing of high-quality medtec products.**

Injection molds and the associated technology are of central importance for the efficient, high-quality manufacture of Ypsomed's high-precision plastic components. With the industrialization of new products in mind Ypsomed has decided to enter into strategic cooperation with the Adval Tech Group, a global leader in injection molding technology. Ypsomed CEO Richard Fritschi: «Ypsomed expects this strategic cooperation to result in consistently high quality and precision of plastic components produced with the molds, reduced lead times and more extensive standardization of the molds used.»

The Adval Tech Group has recently announced its intention to adopt a more global focus and concentrate its attention on selected markets. The goal is to enter into long-term strategic partnerships with its main customers. The medical technology and pharmaceutical markets play a major role in these endeavors. Adval Tech CEO Jean-Claude Philipona: «This cooperation with Ypsomed fits ideally into our strategic focus. Combining the competencies of Ypsomed and Adval Tech will enable us to generate added value throughout the entire value chain, and both partners will benefit from this.»

#### **Background information on Ypsomed**

Ypsomed emerged in 2003 from one of the two divisions of the well-known Disetronic Group and thus has more than 20 years experience in the development and manufacturing of injection pens and pen needles. Ypsomed is the world's leading independent medical technology company in the field of self-injection and preferred partner of the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. Ypsomed is headquartered in Burgdorf and operates several manufacturing locations in Switzerland as well as a European sales and distribution network. The group has more than 1200 employees.

**Background information on the Adval Tech Group**

The Adval Tech Group is a leading supplier of tools, subassemblies, systems and volume components in the technology sectors of stamping and forming (metals) and injection molding (plastics). It is a supplier and value-adding partner for companies in selected industries where metal or plastics components are manufactured and used. The Stamping and Forming Division trades on the market under the names of Styner+Bienz and QSCH, the Injection Molding Division under the names of AWM, Foboha and Teuscher. Their largest customers are in the automotive, information and communications technology, medical technology, packaging and electronics industries. The group has more than 1300 employees.

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