



Joint investment in production capacities at the Dessau site

IDT Biologika and AstraZeneca establish strategic partnership for vaccine production

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Vaccine manufacturer IDT Biologika will jointly invest in additional production capacities at its headquarters in Dessau with pharmaceutical group AstraZeneca. The two companies signed an agreement to this effect last Friday. Details of the cooperation will be determined in the coming weeks.

Overall, IDT Biologika will spend a three-digit million-euro amount on the capacity expansion. This includes the installation of up to five 2,000-liter bioreactors which, in the medium term, can produce tens of millions of doses of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine or other vaccines with a similar manufacturing process per month.

IDT Biologika will thus have the largest manufacturing capacity of this type in Europe. The new assets are expected to start operating by the end of 2022. The extent to which AstraZeneca will participate in the investment, and in what form, is subject to ongoing negotiations.

Jürgen Betzing, IDT Biologika's Chief Executive Officer, comments: "We are proud that AstraZeneca has selected us as a strategic partner for vaccine production. This decision underscores our high level of expertise in the manufacture of sophisticated vector-based vaccines and our ability to offer the entire process, from drug substance through to fill & finish and secondary packaging, from a single source. I would like to thank the German Federal Ministry of Health for its support in reaching this agreement, which marks a good day for Germany and Europe."



About IDT Biologika

IDT Biologika is an innovative contract development and manufacturing organization with a successful history dating back nearly 100 years. At the basis of modern technologies and high levels of expertise we support customers in the development and manufacture of innovative virus vaccines, gene and immune therapy products as well as other biologics to improve human health worldwide. The company operates sites in Germany and the USA. IDT Biologika is a company of the Klocke Group.

Further information can be found on the website of IDT Biologika at www.idt-biologika.com.

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