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## **CEGEDIM DENDRITE LAUNCHES**

# SAMPLE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS IN EUROPE

## NEW OFFERING ADDRESSES BIOPHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES' ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGE OF TRACKING SAMPLES

**Paris, March 24, 2010** - Cegedim Dendrite, the world's leading provider of Pharmaceutical and Life-Sciences CRM solutions, today announced the launch of Sample Management Solutions, a new offering in Europe designed to help biopharmaceuticals companies comply with legal requirements associated with sample distribution.

For biopharma companies in Europe, sample distribution to physicians is a key activity and complying with the associated legal requirements of various countries can be a tremendous administrative burden. Companies must comply with regulations pertaining to delivering a limited number of samples per product, per call, per physician and per period of time. They have to track the batch numbers, organize the physical archiving and the document flow for audits made by health authorities or third parties. These activities generate a great deal of internal administrative work in order to track and reconcile different data to ensure compliance requirements.

"Sample management is a huge task. For example, a top-3 company with 50 products delivers more than 55,000 samples a year. Organizing the physical archiving and document flow of all the batches is a tremendous administrative task and one that requires automation in order to be completed accurately and promptly," said Arnim Jost, Cegedim Dendrite Compliance Activity Project Leader.

Cegedim Dendrite's end-to-end sample accountability solution takes the burden off the pharmaceutical company's internal resources by ensuring that sample tracking is compliant with country-specific regulatory requirements and supporting optimal audit results.

Effective sample tracking can also generate added value to other strategic areas such as manufacturing and promotional activities. "The pharmaceutical company can also use this

data to ensure its sample manufacturing is well adapted. And on a promotional side, by analyzing what are the most requested samples, the company can leverage its promotional strategy with the help of a CRM solution," explained Mr. Jost.

### About Cegedim Dendrite

Cegedim Dendrite is the Life Sciences industry's leading provider of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) solutions. Designed specifically for Life Sciences, the company's innovative business solutions incorporate a thorough understanding of local, regional and worldwide trends. Cegedim Dendrite enables more than 200,000 users in many of the world's most innovative companies to stay ahead of market challenges. In addition to CRM, Cegedim Dendrite also provides marketing, data optimization and regulatory compliance solutions in more than 80 countries. Dendrite France-based Cegedim S.A. Cegedim is part of the Group. To learn more, please visit: www.cegedimdendrite.com.

### About Cegedim:

Founded in 1969, Cegedim is a global technology and services company specializing in the healthcare field. Cegedim supplies services, technological tools, specialized software, data flow management services and databases. Its offerings are targeted notably at healthcare industries, life sciences companies, healthcare professionals and insurance companies. The world leader in life sciences CRM, Cegedim is also one of the leading suppliers of strategic healthcare industry data. Cegedim employs 8,600 people in more than 80 countries and generated revenue of €874 million in 2009. Cegedim SA is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: CGM).

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