

Galactic celebrates its 20th anniversary and opens a new office in Germany

Brussels, 20th January 2014 - This year is a milestone in Galactic's existence. The company celebrates its 20th anniversary and, on the same occasion, is proud to announce the opening of Galactic Deutschland GmbH, its new sales office located in Düsseldorf, Germany.

Over the past 20 years Galactic has become one of the major players in the biotechnology industry. With 1 innovation campus, 3 production sites, 7 sales offices and more than 350 committed staff members around the world, the company whose core business was initially focused on lactic acid and its derivatives now has a diversified solutions portfolio and expansion worldwide.

It all started with the set up of the first laboratory in a former café in Brussels in 1991. In 1994 Galactic was officially created and one year later, the company moved to Escanaffles where the first plant was established. In 1998, Galactic was already the second largest producer worldwide with exports across 40 countries. The company continued to grow and went East in 2002 with a plant in China. 3 years later, a new plant came into operation in the USA. In 2007, Galactic launched Futerro, a joint-venture with Total Petrochemicals concentrated on the development of bio-sourced plastics. In 2010, 2012 and 2013, new sales offices opened in Japan, Brazil and Italy in addition to the new innovation campus in Brussels.

But Galactic today also stands for:

- More than 20 patent families;
- A production capacity of over 100.000 mT/year;
- A portfolio of more than 500 solutions;
- More than 2.000 satisfied customers around the world.

In line with its strategy of expansion, Galactic continues to develop its services worldwide by opening Galactic Deutschland GmbH, a new sales office based in Düsseldorf, Germany.

Galactic wants to provide a more localised service to its German customers. Thanks to the new office, strategic partnerships will be strengthened and a better support will be guaranteed. On top of its traditional business in the German food industry, the company also sees a very important potential for industrial, cosmetic, and pharmaceutical applications.

"A lot has been accomplished since Galactic's first research into lactic acid yet still the company continuously innovates and offers new solutions to fill the market's needs with a sustainable and cost-effective approach" says Jean-Christophe Bogaert, Sales, Marketing and Business Development Director at Galactic. "With a direct presence on the German market, Galactic will be able to provide a dedicated service and maintain close links with our clients".

For more information, please consult: www.lactic.com

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