

CORPORATE NEWS

MeVis Group underscores planned market entry into cardiovascular imaging

MeVis Medical Solutions extends strategic stake in Medis Holding B.V. to roughly 41 percent

- Acquisition of a further capital share of approx. 27%
- Market launch of the first joint product planned for the end of 2010
- Integration plan for the gradual consolidation of business activities underway
- Decision on full takeover in 2011

Bremen, June 1, 2010 – MeVis Medical Solutions AG [ISIN: DE000A0LBFE4], a leading software company in the field of medical imaging, today announced the acquisition of additional capital share in Medis Holding B.V., Leiden, the Netherlands, and the broadening of the strategic alliance.

Medis is a leading developer and supplier of software for the quantification of a wide range of image data of the cardiovascular system. In their various forms, cardiovascular diseases are by far the most frequent cause of death in women and men in the industrialised nations. According to the Robert-Koch Institute, chronic health problems such as high cholesterol and obesity serve as particular risk factors for cardiovascular diseases.

The Medis software provides cardiovascular specialists with advanced quantification tools that help improve diagnosis, reporting, treatment planning and follow-up of cardiovascular diseases based on various imaging modalities. The market research unit Frost & Sullivan estimates the European market for digital cardiovascular imaging to be worth roughly 1 billion euros for the year 2012.

Thanks to its extensive recent technological improvements and clinical applications, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is increasingly suitable for deployment in the field of non-invasive diagnostics and therapy of cardiovascular diseases. The product QMass® MR currently being distributed by Medis worldwide serves to carry out MRI-based cardiovascular diagnostics and has been approved by leading public health authorities. This software application based on the new MeVis Visia™ product platform is to be rolled out on the market as the first joint product by the end of the current fiscal year.

At present, the strategic partners are working on a far-reaching integration plan in order to exploit the synergy effects of a joint market presence. Another factor in addition to a common product strategy and technological integration is the utilization of cross-selling potential by both partners.

“The experience of recent collaboration and the significant interest of Medis industrial partners in our Visia™ platform for multi-modality diagnostics and intervention show that we

are on the right track with the targeted consolidation of our business activities,” says Dr. Carl J.G. Evertsz, CEO of MeVis Medical Solutions AG. “On account of the high epidemiological significance of cardiovascular diseases worldwide and the rapid technological improvements in cardiovascular imaging, this step represents a strategically important enhancement of our product portfolio.”

“Based on the past development of this process and the first reactions of our market partners and end users, the acquisition of an additional stake in Medis and the expansion of our strategic alliance is consistent with our earlier assessments and creates significant potential for our common (cardio)vascular developments in a broad sense,” says Prof. Dr Hans Reiber, co-founder and majority shareholder of Medis Holding B.V.

The purchase price for the additional capital share comprises a cash component and treasury shares. In 2011 then, provided certain conditions are met, the full integration of Medis Holding BV into the MeVis Group will be possible. The capital share is reported and assessed as a financial asset “at equity” in the consolidated MeVis balance sheet in fiscal 2010. As a result, there are no material changes relating to the sales and earnings forecast for the MeVis Group for the financial year 2010.

The parties agreed not to disclose the details of the transaction.

MeVis Medical Solutions AG was founded in 1997 and is one of the world's leading independent manufacturers and vendors of medical imaging software with focus on dedicated, disease-oriented clinical applications. Over the past few years, there has been an enormous increase in the complexity and volume of medical imaging data derived from digital imaging processes such as computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and ultrasound (US). MeVis Group's products analyze and process this data in such a way as to provide medical professionals with crucial information for early detection, diagnosis and intervention in the areas of cancer and lung diseases as well as neurological conditions. The Group develops its software solutions in close consultation with the world's leading medical experts and original equipment makers in the medical technology sector and primarily markets this software via these partnerships.

Medis medical imaging systems bv is a leading provider of innovative software solutions that enable clinicians, technicians and researchers to accurately quantify medical images. Medis products are focused on the cardiovascular imaging market and cover the modalities MRI, CT, X-ray angiography, intravascular ultrasound (IVUS), and optical coherent tomography (OCT). Since its foundation in 1989, Medis has introduced a range of quantification software solutions that have proven their value in clinical practice and research. QAngio® XA and QMass® MR are Medis' flagship products. QAngio® XA incorporates the module QCA-CMS™, which is widely considered the best-in-class solution for the quantification of coronary vessels. QMass® MR is used by clinicians and core labs worldwide to help assess cardiac function. Medis' corporate headquarters are located in Leiden, the Netherlands, and the company has a subsidiary in Raleigh, NC, USA.

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