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## **inconso consolidates material flow control for Merck: High logistics quality and efficient IT with SAP**

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In the process of optimizing their warehouse IT landscape, Merck KGaA in Darmstadt has migrated the existing material flow control system to a central SAP platform. This complements their long-term investments in the controlling of the logistic processes and makes possible the

consequent integration of the operative logistics in the controlled SAP business processes. Among others, the document creation (label and delivery notes) for the goods flow was integrated completely in SAP for the warehouse processes.

The project was comprehensively accompanied and supported by inconso AG, a long-standing partner of Merck. For the quality assurance in the software development, both check procedures set up by Merck and a newly developed automated function test with development tools from inconso ensured the quality. The new warehouse control software created by inconso was tested every night by automated tools during the development phase and the results protocolled.

With this solution, Merck has achieved a standard which is set up for international implementation. The company profits herewith from world-wide uniform processes with a high degree of logistics quality. As opposed to before, this new standard allows for a more efficient modification to meet new requirements. Previously, three automatic high bay warehouses in Darmstadt were migrated one after the other to the central platform. As an extension of the standard, the transfer of two order picking systems will now take place and their efficiencies improved through the use of the current web-based SAP data transmission (RF) technology. After this is

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completed, additional automatic warehouses, among others in Switzerland, are foreseen to be migrated to the new solution.

Merck is the oldest world-wide pharmaceutical and chemical company in the world with a total turnover of EUR 7.6 billion in year 2008. Merck bundles the operative tasks under the mantel of Merck KGaA, which is 70% held by the Merck family and ca. 30% by free shareholders. In 1917, the former US subsidiary Merck & Co was dispossessed and is since then a completely independent company of the Merck Group.

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