



Aragen operationalizes first phase of its Biologics manufacturing facility in India

Executes the first project for developing and manufacturing a novel anticancer mAb;

March 27, 2024, Hyderabad: Aragen, a leading Contract Research Development and Manufacturing Organization (CRDMO) for small molecules and biologics, announced that it has operationalized the first phase of its biologics manufacturing facility in Bangalore, India through its 100% subsidiary, Aragen Biologics Pvt Ltd. The facility is being set up at an investment of USD 30 mn. It has also executed its first small-scale manufacturing project for a US-based organization for manufacturing a novel anticancer monoclonal antibody (mAb). The non-GMP facility can undertake batch sizes upto 50 Ltrs and includes process development and analytical labs to support the manufacturing activities.

Commenting on the occasion, **Manni Kantipudi, CEO Aragen Life Sciences and Director of Aragen Biologics Pvt Ltd.** said, *"We are happy to announce the commissioning of the first phase of our biologics manufacturing facility at Bangalore, India as per schedule and the successful completion of the first project at this facility. This brings us one step closer to offering full-scale Gene-to GMP solutions to our customers. Once the facility's expansion is fully operational by the end of this calendar year, we will be able to do internal tech transfer from our R&D labs in California to the manufacturing site in India, thereby enabling end-to-end integrated service offering to customers."*

Aragen currently offers discovery and development research services from its R&D labs in California, USA. Services include cell line development, upstream and downstream development, protein science, and antibody discovery. The biologics manufacturing facility at Bangalore will complement these services and will enable GMP and non-GMP manufacturing. It will have advanced single-use bioreactors with capacities ranging from 50 Ltr to 2000 Ltrs and will offer integrated solutions including process development, process validation, analytical development, small-scale manufacturing, large-scale DS manufacturing and stability services. It will have the capability to develop and manufacture mAbs, therapeutic proteins and fusion proteins to augment the company's bioproduction capability in California.

About Aragen: Aragen is a leading R&D and manufacturing solutions provider to the global life sciences industries. It offers a range of solutions across the drug development continuum to advance small and large-molecule programs. The Company operates through a global network of eight sites with a team of ~4200 employees and 450+ PhDs. Its expertise and experience have enabled over 400 customers to advance their research programs from early discovery through development and commercialization. Aragen's innovative mindset, infrastructure, flexible business models, clear purpose, and proprietary project management platform have enabled it to effectively scale and service large pharma, biotech, agrochemical, and animal health industries globally. Visit www.aragenbio.com for more details.

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