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## News Release

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### **Vedeqsa Taps Bayer Health Care for Contract Manufacturing Alliance**

**SHAWNEE, Kan. (Jan. 19, 2006)** — In January, Bayer HealthCare and Spain-based Vedeqsa announced a contract manufacturing agreement for two antimicrobial products. Under the terms of the agreement, Bayer will formulate, manufacture, and package two Vedeqsa products used in the cosmetics and food industries — Aminat and Merinat-N, respectively — at its Shawnee, Kan., manufacturing facility.

“We are pleased Vedeqsa has selected the Bayer Manufacturing Services Program and our world-class facility to manufacture its two antimicrobial products,” said Bayer Animal Health President and General Manager Joerg Ohle. “We look forward to partnering with Vedeqsa and will dedicate to them the full spectrum of our contract manufacturing resources from our creative problem solving to our strict adherence to cGMP guidelines.”

Aminat is used as a preservative ingredient in the cosmetics industry, and Mirenat-N will be used in the food industry as a preservative to increase the shelf life of foods, such as meats, processed meats, beverages, and ready-to-eat dishes. Both formulations’ active ingredient is Lauric Arginate, which received its Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) status from a U.S. expert panel.

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**About Bayer HealthCare Shawnee Site**

Bayer HealthCare's North American operations for the Animal Health Division are headquartered in Shawnee, Kan. Bayer Animal Health is a division of Bayer HealthCare, one of the world's leading healthcare companies. Bayer HealthCare Shawnee site is a state-of-the-art contract manufacturing facility that offers a wide range of manufacturing services for pharmaceutical and other companies.

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