

AVECIA BIOTECHNOLOGY TAPS MAXIOM GROUP FOR ORACLE DEPLOYMENT

Leading Biotechnology Company Builds for Future Development and Manufacturing of Innovative Medicines

Waltham, MA, January 8, 2007 – Maxiom Consulting Group, Inc., a leading strategic business and IT consulting firm exclusively serving the life sciences industry, today announced that Avecia Biotechnology Inc. has engaged the company to deploy components of the Oracle® E-Business Suite. Avecia tapped Maxiom Group for the company's industry experience, responsiveness and extensive Oracle experience.

"As our business grows and becomes more complex, we needed a consulting partner to help us deploy a solution that we can benefit from today and grow with us tomorrow," said Detlef Rethage, President of Avecia Biotechnology Inc. "Maxiom Group is an ideal partner because they have the extensive life sciences industry knowledge, they are completely accessible and they clearly demonstrate their commitment to our business."

Maxiom Group initially partnered with Avecia to define its IT strategy and evaluate potential solutions to meet the company's business requirements. Maxiom Group is currently helping with the first phase of the Oracle E-Business Suite implementation, which includes financial components such as general ledger, accounts payable and accounts receivable modules. Maxiom Group is a member of the Oracle PartnerNetwork.

Future phased deployment of the Oracle E-Business Suite modules will include functionality for materials, inventory and manufacturing process management. Maxiom Group is also ensuring that all aspects of this deployment are in compliance with proper regulatory controls.

"Deploying Oracle at this stage of their life cycle will help Avecia become a better manufacturing partner for their customers and enhance their competitive position," said Kelly Schmitz, Vice President of Enterprise Applications at Maxiom Group. "We are proud to partner with Avecia as they adapt and grow in an increasingly complex business environment."

ABOUT AVECIA BIOTECHNOLOGY

Avecia Biotechnology is the leading CMO to develop and manufacture API's for Oligonucleotide based medicines on its FDA inspected site in Milford, MA. Avecia Oligomedicines – adding value to your drug development journey. www.Avecia.com.

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