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## **Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, Invests More than € 130 Million to Strengthen Manufacturing Capabilities in Molsheim, France**

- **Increases manufacturing capacity for the Mobius® single-use portfolio**
- **Creates more than 800 jobs by the end of 2028**
- **Investment further strengthens the company's "Big 3," the key drivers for increasing Group sales to approximately € 25 billion by 2025**
- **Supports Life Science's strategy to invest in products and technologies across its portfolio key to manufacturing novel therapies and vaccines**

Darmstadt, Germany, September 8, 2022– Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a leading science and technology company, strengthens its manufacturing capabilities for single-use assemblies, a key technology for the production of Covid-19 vaccines and other lifesaving therapies, by investing more than € 130 million in Molsheim, France. The investment is the largest ever in the 50-year history of the site and will create more than 800 jobs by the end of 2028.

"We are determined to provide patients in Europe and worldwide with reliable access to vaccines and life-saving therapies," said Belén Garijo, Chair of the Executive Board and CEO of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany. "This investment in France is



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an integral component of our plans to expand our global manufacturing footprint and deliver superior customer value across the globe.”

“France is central to our strategy to drive long-term growth and expand our global leadership position in Life Science,” said Matthias Heinzl, Member of the Executive Board of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany and CEO Life Science. “In recent years, many biopharmaceutical manufacturers have turned to single-use technologies for their flexibility, cost savings, speed, and reduced contamination risk, leading to double-digit market growth for this segment. The Covid-19 pandemic has reinforced this trend. The investment will accelerate the delivery of critical products and technologies our customers need to bring breakthrough treatments to patients in need around the world.”

The expansion will further increase capacity for the manufacturing of single-use assemblies belonging to the Mobius® portfolio. The 3,500-square-meter ISO7 clean rooms, administrative building and new logistics warehouse are planned to be operational by the end of 2024, and will gradually ramp up to full production through 2028. In 2021, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany had already added a single-use assembly production unit for € 25 million. Molsheim is the first site in Europe where the company manufactures the product. Further production sites are located in Danvers, Massachusetts, USA, and Wuxi, China.

The manufacturing of single-use assemblies is part of the Process Solutions business, a global provider of products to the biopharmaceutical industry, and together with the Life Science Services business one of the company’s “Big 3” growth drivers. The company aims to increase its Group sales to approximately € 25 billion by 2025. To achieve its growth targets, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany plans to increase its total investments between 2021 and 2025 significantly compared with the period from 2016 to 2020.

Over the next five years, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany will implement investment programs worldwide. Target countries include Germany, France, Switzerland, Ireland, China, and the USA. All expansion projects include clear targets for water consumption, waste management, and energy efficiency to

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support Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany in meeting its goal to be climate neutral by 2040, in line with its [sustainability strategy](#).

Recently, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany announced expansion projects in its Life Science business sector in Verona, Wisconsin, USA; Cork, Ireland; Wuxi, China; Darmstadt, Germany; Buchs, Switzerland; Carlsbad, California, USA; Jaffrey, New Hampshire, USA; and Danvers, Massachusetts, USA. These expansions are part of an ambitious, multi-year program to increase the industrial capacity and capabilities of the company's Life Science business sector to support the growing global demand for lifesaving medications and to make significant contributions to public health.

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### **About Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany**

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a leading science and technology company, operates across life science, healthcare and electronics. More than 60,000 employees work to make a positive difference to millions of people's lives every day by creating more joyful and sustainable ways to live. From advancing gene editing technologies and discovering unique ways to treat the most challenging diseases to enabling the intelligence of devices – the company is everywhere. In 2021, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, generated sales of € 19.7 billion in 66 countries.

The company holds the global rights to the name and trademark "Merck" internationally. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the business sectors of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, operate as MilliporeSigma in life science, EMD Serono in healthcare and EMD Electronics in electronics. Since its founding in 1668, scientific exploration and responsible entrepreneurship have been key to the company's technological and scientific advances. To this day, the founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed company.