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Italian industrial-gas producer SOL to build liquefaction plant in Industriepark Höchst - Frankfurt

Infracerv Höchst to operate €15-million facility

The Italian Group **SOL** has signed a contract with **Infracerv Höchst** for the construction of a plant in Frankfurt, in **Industriepark Höchst** that will produce liquefied industrial and medicinal gases. SOL will build the facility, and Infracerv will supply raw materials and infrastructure. Infracerv will also operate and manage the plant.

SOL is investing about **€15 million in the project**. The facility will be equipped with the most advanced technologies, particularly with respect to environmental friendliness and energy efficiency. The plant's products, mainly high-purity liquid oxygen and nitrogen, will supply the markets of food, mechanical, chemical and electronic industries as well as hospitals and research centers in Germany and nearby countries. Construction, in the southern part of the industrial park, is to begin as soon as possible. The plant is scheduled to start operations no later than early 2009.

"The site's favorable conditions and excellent infrastructure, the advanced professional know-how and the extremely qualified support that Infracerv gives to companies presents in the Industriepark Höchst, have been fundamental elements for SOL's choice about the site where to invest" according to **Aldo Fumagalli Romario**, President and Managing Director of SOL, who added: "With Infracerv Höchst we have a strong Partner with whom we can increase our competitiveness in the supplying of highly qualified services in the whole industrial and medicinal sector in the German market and in Central-Europe".

Infracerv managing director **Dr. Roland Mohr** welcomed the addition to the industrial park. "We're pleased to have attracted SOL, a successful company that is active internationally," he said. "SOL, in our view, fits superbly into the network of production and research companies here, which can result in synergy effects for both SOL and Infracerv."

*Founded in 1927, **SOL S.p.A.** is headquartered in Monza, Italy, and listed on the Milan Stock Exchange. It has about 1,600 employees and offices in 15 European countries. The SOL Group specializes in the production of industrial and medicinal gases and related applications. The gases are used in industrial, civil and health care applications – in hospitals as well as at homes. SOL posted revenues of 346 million in 2005.*

*SOL has been active for 10 years in Germany, where it has two subsidiaries: T.M.G. (Technische und Medizinische Gase), which produces medicinal and technical gases in the towns of Krefeld and Gersthofen, and VIVISOL Deutschland, which supplies, among others, services and medicinal devices for oxygen- and ventilo- therapy via a Germany-wide network.*

*Based in Frankfurt am Main, **Infracerv Höchst** operates advanced technical infrastructure for the chemical, pharmaceutical and related process industries, and is the operator of Industriepark*



*Höchst. Infraseriv GmbH & Co. Höchst KG supplies companies with energies and media, disposes of wastes, and provides business space and infrastructure. It offers a wide range of services in areas that also include environmental protection, safety and security, health, communications and IT, logistics, and training and continuing education. Wholly owned subsidiaries of the Infraseriv Höchst Group are Infraseriv Logistics, Provalidis, Technion, and Main Autoservice Höchst. Infraseriv GmbH & Co. Höchst KG has about 1,900 employees and 173 trainees. The Infraseriv Höchst Group has about 2,700 employees and 219 trainees. In 2005, Infraseriv Höchst and its subsidiaries generated some €812 million in revenues.*

**Industriepark Höchst** is home to more than 80 companies in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, basic and specialty chemicals, crop protection, food additives and services. Some 22,000 people come to work in the industrial park every day. The site covers 460 hectares; 60 hectares are still available for use. The companies in the industrial park invested more than €370 million at the site in 2006. Investments since 2000 total more than €2.7 billion.

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