

# PRESS RELEASE

## GEA opens modernized, expanded Pharma Solids Center in Belgium

Wommelgem (Belgium), April 18, 2017 – To take the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry further, faster, GEA has invested in a new multimillion-Euro solid dosage facility. In May this year, the company will officially open its recently expanded [GEA Pharma Solids Center](#) (GPSC) in Wommelgem, Belgium.

With a total footprint of 1100 m<sup>2</sup>, including 200 m<sup>2</sup> of technical space, GEA's investment in its Wommelgem facility embodies the state-of-the-art in solid dosage form testing, development and optimization. Now almost tripled in size, the [GPSC](#) offers a full range of batch and continuous process technologies to produce pharmaceutical solid dosage forms.

Some of the key application areas will include continuous wet granulation and drying technologies, continuous direct compression, integrated small-scale granulation and drying, flexible fluid bed processing, high performance tablet coating technology, and the ability to optimize pellet and MUPS formulations. The [GPSC](#) will offer extensive customer demonstrations and trials, training sessions, hands-on lab experience, product development assistance, CQA evaluation support and updates on what can be achieved with GEA process solutions and equipment.

“The expanded facility represents our continual investment in the global pharmaceutical market and, in particular, oral solid dosage (OSD) form technology,” said Dr Marcus Michel, Executive Vice President of GEA's pharma business. “Whether our customers are working with batch-based or continuous processes, the [GPSC](#) now offers an even wider range of innovative solutions than ever before.”

From cost assurance and process optimization to real-life simulations and test and loan machines, GEA provides a unique range of services that are designed to enhance production and expedite time-to-market. “The needs of drug manufacturers are critical and individual; the newly expanded [GPSC](#) has been created to meet those needs. With our unparalleled history of expertise in processing OSDs, from pills to pellets to MUPS, and our tried and tested technologies, I am convinced that we can continue to help our customers to get their products to market faster in a cost-effective way,” Marcus Michel adds.

### Opening celebration during interpack

To celebrate the opening of the new [GPSC](#), GEA is inviting valued customers, pharmaceutical industry stakeholders and key partners to visit and tour the new facility during the [interpack trade fair](#) in Düsseldorf, Germany (4–10 May, GEA stand B09–B31 in Hall 7a). The agenda includes a welcome reception, opening presentations and a guided tour of the laboratories. Space is, however, limited, GEA kindly asks for registration in advance here: [Grand Opening GPSC](#).

## PRESS RELEASE



*GEA's new Pharma Solids Center in Belgium offers a full range of batch and continuous process technologies to produce pharmaceutical solid dosage forms. [Download high-res picture](#)*

**For business enquiries:**

To request further information, please contact [pharma@gea.com](mailto:pharma@gea.com).

**For editorial enquiries:**

Corporate Media & Press

Lilian Schmalenstroer

Peter-Müller-Str. 12, 40468 Düsseldorf, Germany

Phone +49 2522 772174

[lilian.schmalenstroer@gea.com](mailto:lilian.schmalenstroer@gea.com)

In case of publication, please submit a copy (preferably digital) for our archives.

**About GEA**

GEA is one of the largest suppliers for the food processing industry and a wide range of other industries that generated consolidated revenues of approximately EUR 4.5 billion in 2016. The international technology group focuses on process technology and components for sophisticated production processes in various end-user markets. The group generates around 70 percent of its revenue in the food and beverages sector that enjoys long-term sustainable growth. As of December 31, 2016, the company employed about 17,000 people worldwide. GEA is a market and technology leader in its business areas. The company is listed on the German MDAX (G1A, WKN 660 200). In addition, GEA's share is a constituent of the MSCI Global Sustainability Indexes. Further information is available on the Internet at [gea.com](http://gea.com).

If you do not want to receive any further information from GEA, please send an email to [pr@gea.com](mailto:pr@gea.com).