

Gambro to focus development of dialysis monitors

Stockholm, Sweden, March 4, 2003 – Gambro AB (Stockholmsbörsen: GAMBaST, GAMBbST), a leading international medical technology and healthcare company, today announced to focus and strengthen development of monitors within the Renal Products business. Development responsibility and resources for hemodialysis monitors will be focused to existing development units in Medolla, Italy. This involves a shift from Lund, Sweden. Similarly monitor development responsibility and resources for renal intensive care will be transferred to Lund, Sweden from Medolla, Italy. The development units in Lund/Malmö, Sweden will have a continued responsibility for machines (cyclers) in the peritoneal dialysis area as well as for water treatment systems.

These actions will enable Gambro Renal Products to more efficiently develop and launch new products, focusing capabilities and resources, leveraging on joint technology platforms etc and thus will further strengthen its competitiveness and leading position on the world market.

The announced actions are part of an ongoing effort to strengthen the overall competitiveness of Gambro Renal Products. During recent years this has included major investments and efforts in product development and expansion of production capacity building on larger, more cost-effective units. Thus Gambro Renal Products has made ambitious investments in new, large scale production units for dialyzers and dry concentrates (BiCart) as well as in a completely new logistics system in Europe including a number of large logistics centers.

“This is another important step in our continued efforts to further develop our globally strong position in products and systems in the renal care area” says Alain Granger, President of Gambro Renal Products.

The announced changes in the hemodialysis monitor area will take place during 2003-2005. It will involve an estimated redundancy of about 25-30 white-collar employees in Lund during 2003. No changes are contemplated concerning blue-collar employees. Discussions with the trade unions in Lund have been initiated. The transfer of the responsibility and resources within the renal intensive care area to Lund, Sweden will be completed by year-end next year.

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Gambro is a global medical technology and healthcare company with leading positions in renal care - services and products - and blood component technology. Gambro Healthcare is one of the leading providers of kidney dialysis services in the world with more than 53,500 patients in 693 clinics worldwide. Gambro Renal Products comprises dialyzers, dialysis machines, blood lines and dialysis concentrates. Gambro BCT is the market leader in separation and handling of blood components. The group, with 2002 revenues of approximately SEK 27.6 billion (USD 2.7 billion), has 20,900 employees in some 40 countries.

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