

AGC Biologics' Heidelberg Facility to Further Supply Plasmid DNA for COVID-19 Vaccine

Tokyo, June 8, 2021 – AGC (Headquarters: Tokyo; President: Yoshinori Hirai), a world-leading manufacturer of glass, chemicals, and high-tech materials, has announced that its biopharmaceutical CDMO subsidiary, AGC Biologics (Headquarters: United States), has announced its partnership with BioNTech SE (Nasdaq BNTX) to further supply Plasmid DNA (pDNA) starting material for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, at AGC's Heidelberg, Germany facility.

“We are honored that BioNTech has entrusted us to become part of their global supply network in an effort to make the vaccine available to as many people as possible around the world,” says AGC Biologics Chief Business Officer, Mark Womack. “We are very proud of our efforts to provide our global customers with the essential materials needed to rapidly deliver vaccines in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.”

AGC Biologics will manufacture and supply BioNTech with pDNA starting material, an essential component of BioNTech's mRNA-based vaccine manufacturing process.

“The team at Heidelberg is enthusiastically embracing this important project with BioNTech,” says AGC Biologics General Manager, Heidelberg, Dieter Kramer. “Every team member has a deep sense of pride in our COVID-19 teams and we look forward to supporting BioNTech in the production of their mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccine with Plasmid DNA.”

AGC Biologics' Heidelberg facility has over 20 years of experience delivering a very wide range of microbial programs for our customers. In addition, the site is AGC's Center of Excellence for Plasmid DNA (pDNA) production, as part of their end-to-end Cell and Gene Therapy offering.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, which is based on BioNTech proprietary mRNA technology, was developed by both BioNTech and Pfizer. BioNTech is the Marketing Authorization Holder in the European Union, and the holder of emergency use authorizations or equivalents in the United States (jointly with Pfizer), United Kingdom, Canada and other countries in advance of a planned application for full marketing authorizations in these countries.

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