

BioActor and Jaeckering sign Joint Development & Marketing Agreement on wheat

Collaboration targets novel wheat based functional ingredients to counter the metabolic syndrome

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM/HAMM, GERMANY, 1 December, 2005 - BioActor BVBA (BioActor) and Jaeckering Muehlen-u. Naehrmittelwerke GmbH (Jaeckering) announced today that they have signed a collaboration agreement that combines Jaeckering's know-how to extract bioactives from wheat fractions and BioActor's know how in the development and marketing of ingredients for functional foods. Under the terms of the agreement, BioActor will exclusively market Jaeckering's innovative pentosan concentrate and parties will actively explore additional opportunities around wheat based bioactives.

JAECKERING in collaboration with Professor Meuser of TU Berlin has developed a proprietary production process to extract wheat pentosans from a starch production sidestream. The resulting soluble fibre product has been validated for its contribution to glycaemic control in humans by the German Institute of Human Nutrition, Potsdam-Rehbruecke.

According to Hans van der Saag, BioActor CEO, « together with our partner Jaeckering we will exploit the yet untapped potential of wheat for the improvement of human health. We see great opportunities for specialty wheat based products in the combat against the metabolic syndrome. Jaeckering's specialty pentosan concentrate that we will market under the brand NAXUS® has been clinically tested for improved glycaemic control and has excellent food technological properties. Moreover, Jaeckering's manufacturing prowess acquired over the past 100 years, will greatly help us in developing new and innovative wheat based health ingredients».

Michel Andrae Jaeckering, CEO of JAECKERING GRUPPE commented that « We are very pleased to have entered into this collaboration with BioActor, a technology company fully focussed on the health ingredients sector. We expect that our collaboration will accelerate the market introduction of our pentosan product and will lead to the introduction of additional new health ingredients».

BioActor, based in Ghent, Belgium, is a product development company that supplies proprietary bioactive formulations to the nutrition & healthcare industry. The company focuses on the development of innovative bioactives that address the metabolic syndrome and ageing related chronic health conditions. The goal is to provide the nutrition & healthcare industry with science-based innovations that confer a health benefit to the consumer.

Jäckering is a major German wheat processor with more than 200.000 tons per annum Wheat grinding capacity and more than 100.000 tons p.a. wheat starch production facilities. Jäckering also produces and markets innovative grinding and drying technology under the brand name ULTRA ROTOR .

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