

# **Press Release**

# ChromaCon continues collaboration for GMP pilot and production scale systems after acquisition of LEWA's bioprocessing division by YMC

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LEWA-Nikkiso America Inc. and YMC Co., Ltd. recently announced that LEWA's bioprocessing division will be acquired by YMC, forming a new entity called YMC Process Technologies located in Devens, MA, USA. A joint press release by LEWA and YMC announcing that transaction and answering potential questions around the transaction have been published and are <u>attached</u>.

Michael Bavand, CEO of ChromaCon, commented: "We want to ensure our customers that a seamless transfer in our business relationship between LEWA and YMC is warranted. We cooperated closely with LEWA and have co-developed and co-marketed the leading continuous chromatography scale-up system based on our twin column technology. YMC has been our valued business partner for some time acting as our distributor in Japan and India. We are looking forward to continue our business relationship with YMC Process Technologies also expanding to significant additional business areas."

LEWA's EcoPrime Twin received the Aspen Award for the Advancement of Downstream Processing 2017. Earlier this year, an important milestone was reached by successful scale-up of ChromaCon's proprietary CaptureSMB process by Bristol-Myers Squibb, published in the journal *Bioprocessing International*. The article is available at: <u>http://www.bioprocessintl.com/2018/scale-up-of-twin-column-periodic-countercurrent-chromatography-for-mab-purification/</u>.





### About ChromaCon AG

ChromaCon AG is a private Life Science Tool company located in Zürich, Switzerland, providing best-in-class laboratory chromatography equipment and process solutions to the biopharmaceutical industry. ChromaCon has developed and patented novel process principles, process control and simulation software, equipment designs and operating software for batch, cyclic and continuous chromatography. These process solutions result in significant CAPEX and OPEX cost savings and enabling scalable chromatographic solutions for large scale purification applications. The Contichrom<sup>®</sup> laboratory-scale equipment is comarketed worldwide by ChromaCon and its partners. ChromaCon has provided global licenses for its process technologies to LEWA (Devens, MA, USA) for implementation into scale-up systems.

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#### About LEWA

The LEWA Bioprocess Technologies Group of LEWA-Nikkiso creates advanced downstream bio/pharmaceutical processing platforms. Their systems do the work of up to three competitive units in a smaller footprint. LEWA's deep expertise in fluid dynamics, combined with industry-leading pump technology, allows us to provide precise batch to continuous processing solutions with the perfect balance of accuracy, repeatability and precision. Our design, fabrication and automation services assure single point, vertical supply benefits getting you on-line faster.

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#### About YMC Co., Ltd.

YMC is a HPLC manufacturer started as a venture company in the field of chemical industry in Kyoto, Japan in 1980. From the beginning, we have engaged in development of columns and packing materials for HPLC of the world highest level. At the same time, as a pioneer in the HPLC industry, we have developed technology and systems for industrial preparative chromatography and provided separation and



purification technology of high value-added substances including pharmaceutical products. Making use of our experience in both packing media and chromatography system, two important parameters to constitute chromatography, we have built a new GMP compliant purification plant and also actively engage in contract purification service mainly targeted APIs.

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