

Press release

Sanamij becomes part of the Belimed Group

Zug, Switzerland, 7 August 2009 – The Belimed Group is acquiring Sanamij B.V. with headquarters in Rotterdam as of 30 June 2009 and will thus achieve a sustained extension of the Infection Control business in the Netherlands. Through its acquisition of the leading Dutch traditional manufacturer of sterilizers and kitchen technology, Belimed will become the biggest provider of cleaning and sterilization technology in the Dutch market in the medicine, pharma and laboratory sectors. Due to its nearly 50-year company history, Sanamij has a large number of installed systems that are looked after by a comprehensive blanket service network of company technicians. Together with the installed equipment of the Belimed subsidiary located in Beneden-Leeuwen, this will produce the biggest installed base for cleaning and sterilization machines in the Netherlands.

Sanamij's former customers will benefit in future from the merger of the two companies, particularly with regard to the broad product portfolio, the innovative strength and investment security that Belimed can guarantee as a system provider. Belimed as well as Sanamij customers will experience even better customer care due to the expanded customer service organisation. Service of all systems in the market, maintained by Belimed or Sanamij so far, will be continued.

“Our customers increasingly expect infection control solutions from a single source, together with irreproachable service and constant innovation“ is the assessment of Janos Bajnóczy, managing director of Sanamij, who describes the merger with the Belimed group as ” a strategic step into the future. This long term perspective combined with the broader range of products is an added value for both existing and new customers of ours.“

Sanamij B.V. and Belimed B.V. will merge as soon as possible in Rotterdam under the management of the two present managing directors Janos Bajnóczy and Joop Doves, after a transition period of unaltered separate continuation of the two companies. The newly set up company will be a Belimed subsidiary concentrating on sales and marketing of all Belimed products and servicing the equipment of both companies. The marketing of third-party products that are in direct competition with Belimed products will not be continued. The Sanamij subsidiary in Hungary will also become a sales and service company of the Belimed group.

“Acquiring Sanamij represents a further consistent step in our global growth strategy, which is marked by organic development and also by the acquisition of attractive companies“, explains Niklaus Sauter, Belimed Group CEO, giving the reason for the acquisition decision: “Sanamij is highly suitable for us as the large number of installed traditional brand sterilizers bears witness to its firm position in the market for many years together with its wealth of experience in the field of sterilization.“

About Belimed

Belimed, a European company group with headquarters in Switzerland, is one of the worldwide leading companies operating in the area of infection control. Belimed has over 40 years of experience in development, production and marketing of innovative system solutions for cleaning, disinfection and sterilization in the healthcare, pharmaceutical and laboratory sectors and offers the associated services such as servicing and validation. Belimed has a workforce of over 800 employees. With a total of 11 Belimed companies throughout Europe, North America and Asia, and many authorised partners, Belimed is represented worldwide by a strong network in over 50 countries. Further information on Belimed products and services is available at www.belimed.com.

Belimed is a wholly owned subsidiary of METALL ZUG AG (www.metallzug.ch). Within the METALL ZUG GROUP Belimed forms the Infection Control business unit. METALL ZUG AG is listed in the domestic standard of SIX Swiss Exchange, Zurich (registered shares type B, securities # 3982108, Ticker METN). The METALL ZUG GROUP also includes the Household Appliances business unit (V-ZUG AG, SibirGroup AG and Gehrig Group AG), the Wire Processing business unit (Schleuniger Group) and the Real Estate business unit (MZ-Immobilien AG, Parkhotel Zug AG and ZEW Immobilien AG).

About Sanamij

Sanamij is one of the leading suppliers of sterilization and kitchen technology in the Netherlands in the areas of medicine and industry. With nearly 50 years of experience in development and production along with sales of sterilizers and accessories, Sanamij looks after a large installation base in university clinics, hospitals and laboratories, thanks to its comprehensive customer service. The company, with headquarters in Rotterdam, employs over 50 people in the Netherlands and in a further location in Hungary. Further information about Sanamij's products and services can be found at www.Sanamij.com.

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