



PRESS RELEASE

SOL Group strengthens its international presence, both in medicinal gases and in home care sectors.

Finalized three new acquisitions, two of them in Germany, together with the entry into the Czech Republic:

- **in Bavaria, acquisition of activities in the medicinal gases sector**
- **in Germany, Allershausen-Bavaria, acquisition of the nursing home "Senioren Service Zentrum Allershausen"**
- **purchase of 100% of the Czech Company "Oxytechnic Spol" headquartered in Prague**

SOL Group – multinational operating in technical and medicinal gases sector (through several companies under the trademark "SOL") and in home care sector (through several companies under the trademark "VIVISOL") – announces that it has strengthened its position on the **German health market** with two acquisitions, one in the field of medicinal gases and the second one in the field of home care, along with its entry on the new home care market of the **Czech Republic, through the purchase of a local company.**

In Germany, in the medicinal gases sector, **SOL Deutschland** acquired certain activities (assets and customer database) related to the medical market in parts of the Bavarian area. This purchase allows SOL Group to consolidate its presence in the Bavarian medical sector, with an expected increase in turnover of approximately **400,000 euros** per year.

Still in Germany, in the home care sector, **VIVICARE Holding GmbH**, through its subsidiary Allershausen Care GmbH, bought **the nursing and assisting home for elderly people "Senioren Service Zentrum Allershausen"**, which has **40** beds and a turnover of approximately **1.7 million euros**, thus confirming its position of global supplier of nursing and specialized assistance in Bavaria.

In this way, the German market for SOL strengthens its importance as the Group's first market after the Italian one, with a consolidated turnover of more than 120 million euros and over 650 employees.

In the Czech Republic, over the past few months **AIRSOL S.r.l.**, company fully owned by SOL S.p.A., acquired 100% of the share capital of **"Oxytechnic Spol"**, company based in Prague which operates in the field of respiratory home care.

Oxytechnic provides home care services to some hundreds of patients with a staff of **5** employees and a turnover of about **350,000 euros**.

Such acquisition allows SOL Group to expand its presence in the home care sector at European level, entering a new and promising market.

Aldo Fumagalli Romario, Chairman and Managing Director of SOL Group commented: *"SOL Group is constantly committed to selectively evaluate growth opportunities on an international scale, both in the sector of technical and medicinal gases and in the home care sector, through initiatives, acquisitions and joint-ventures that are functional to the Group's internationalization, as well as to the consolidation of its own market shares. Even these latest operations, although of limited size, go exactly in this direction, making possible further synergies and new growth opportunities for the Group".*



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