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### **Power from solar energy: Aenova produces pharmaceuticals more sustainably**

- **At SWISSCAPS Romania, member of the Aenova Group, the new photovoltaic system was put into operation.**
- **With an output of around 360 MWp, the photovoltaic plant contributes to a climate-friendly power supply.**
- **The new PV system is a sub-project of the company's sustainability strategy.**

Cornu, October 19, 2020 - SWISSCAPS Romania S.r.l. produces and packages soft gelatine capsules and vegan soft gel capsules as a contract manufacturer for large, international pharmaceutical and dietary supplement companies. SWISSCAPS is a member of the Aenova Group, one of the leading contract manufacturers in Europe and worldwide with the production of various dosage forms of pharmaceuticals. Technological innovations characterize SWISSCAPS and the Aenova Group, in production, as well as in equipment and with regard to environmental protection. The company has just put a modern photovoltaic system into operation. The system generates around 425 MWh per year and thus supports the site's climate goals.

The new photovoltaic plant has a capacity of 360 MWp and covers an area of 2,500 square meters. The grid-connected system with a total of 960 panels is built on the roof of two industrial halls of SWISSCAPS. The energy generated is fed into the company's utilization plant, thus ensuring a part of its own electricity consumption. "We are very proud to make a contribution to climate protection through this environmentally friendly solar power system, thus generating part of our required electricity as green electricity ourselves and reducing



emissions", explains Michael Ammann, Managing Director of SWISSCAPS in Cornu and Senior Vice President of the Business Unit Softgel Capsules at the Aenova Group.

With around 330 employees, SWISSCAPS is one of the major employers in Cornu, Prahova county, and is one of the world's experts in the production of soft gelatine capsules. Along with tablets and hard capsules, these are among the most important oral pharmaceutical dosage forms. At SWISSCAPS, over 7.5 billion soft gelatine capsules leave the production halls every year. The company has many years of experience in the formulation of capsule shells and their filling, has the necessary sophisticated technical equipment and has launched a new generation of vegan softgel capsules.

The photovoltaic system was designed and implemented in close cooperation with the energy service provider ENGIE Romania. ENGIE Romania took over the entire energy efficiency project and also provides services after the installation. "The commitment of ENGIE Romania convinced us and the cooperation turned out very well", Michael Ammann continues.

Decentralized power generation solutions contribute to climate-friendly economic activity. At SWISSCAPS the solar project is a component of the sustainability strategy of the entire Aenova Group. For example, the expansion of the water treatment plant at SWISSCAPS in Cornu will soon be completed. This allows direct discharge into the adjacent water body. The Aenova site in Sisseln, Switzerland, already produces climate neutrally.



[Caption:]

SWISSCAPS' new photovoltaic system supports the climate-friendly production of softgel capsules.

### **Aenova Group**

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