



PRESS RELEASE

Product launch of vegan soft capsules: the new Aenova VegaGels®.

- **Aenova presents the new generation of its vegan soft capsules.**
- **The new VegaGels® are produced on a vegetable basis using new technology.**
- **The composition of the new soft capsules conforms to US, EU and Chinese regulatory specifications.**
- **The new VegaGels® are available in many different sizes, shapes and colors.**

Cornu, November 19, 2020 - SWISSCAPS Romania S.R.L. SWISSCAPS Romania S.R.L., member of the Aenova Group, presents its new generation of vegetarian soft capsules. The new VegaGels® are vegetable-based and a groundbreaking development of their current technology, as they are heat and temperature resistant and very stable. This significantly reduces stickiness and crosslinking reactions during prolonged storage. The new VegaGels® are characterized by their flexible and soft texture and availability in many different variations: up to 24 different sizes and shapes, e.g. oval, oblong and twist-off, and different colors can be produced. The new composition complies with the regulations for the American, European and Chinese markets.

Soft capsules are particularly popular with patients and consumers because they are easy to swallow. Their diverse design options in size, shape and color increase comfort and safety in use. Vegan soft capsules do not have the conventional gelatin shell of animal origin, but a covering with vegetable-based materials. The new VegaGels® are based on a technology including seaweed extract and thus meet the needs of consumers who follow a vegetarian or



vegan diet or prefer products without animal testing. At the same time, plant-based soft capsule technologies are suitable for special religious food requirements, such as kosher or halal. VegaGels® are free of genetically modified organisms, animal materials, gluten and preservatives.

"Aenova is the worldwide market leader in contract manufacturing for soft capsules on a vegetable basis. We already have over 20 years of experience in this special technology of vegetable capsule wall formulation and launched the first vegan capsule worldwide", explains Michael Ammann, Managing Director of SWISSCAPS in Cornu and Senior Vice President of the Business Unit Softgel Capsules at the Aenova Group. "The new generation of VegaGels® is suitable for liquid and pasty fillings. The active ingredients remain active in the soft capsules and are safely protected from light and oxygen," Ammann continues.

Soft capsules are the third largest group of oral dosage forms after tablets and hard capsules. They are not only appreciated by patients and end users for their ease of absorption, but also have specific medical advantages, as they release their contents faster than tablets and hard capsules. VegaGels® are filled with e.g. edible oils, essential fatty acids (omega 3-6-9), vitamins and minerals, vegetable ingredients and others. SWISSCAPS Romania uses the Rotary Die process, can currently produce around 1.2 billion VegaGels® per year and delivers in bulk as well as packaged into blisters and bottles.

SWISSCAPS Romania S.r.l. employs around 330 people at its Cornu site and produces soft gelatin capsules and vegan soft capsules. The Aenova Group with a total of about 4,300 employees is one of the leading CDMOs (Contract Development & Manufacturing Organizations) in Europe and worldwide.



[Caption:]

The new generation of VegaGels® is plant-based and can be produced in many different sizes. (Picture SWISSCAPS Romania S.l.r.)



[Caption:]

Good drying increases the quality and stability of soft capsules. Drums for drying. (Picture SWISSCAPS Romania S.l.r.)

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The Aenova Group is one of the leading contract manufacturers for the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry. With high quality standards, innovative technologies and reliable delivery reliability Aenova has become the European CDMO market leader for the development and production of all common dosage forms and product groups in the business-to-business sector. The company, headquartered near Munich, operates 15 production facilities and several sales offices in ten countries around the world. More than 4,300 employees contribute to the group's success.

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