

PRESS RELEASE

NLISIS and DSM Resolve start partnership in GC

CHICAGO, 11 MARCH 2009 – At PittCon today NLISIS Chromatography announced the start of a new partnership with DSM Resolve. The two companies will work closely together in the field of research and development. Both companies are dedicated to improving the effectiveness of GC-technology. The partners intend to achieve their mission by developing flexible, stable and user-friendly solutions. Last year NLISIS launched the Meltfit One, a breakthrough in coupling capillary columns. From the beginning DSM Resolve has been involved as a lead user in the development of this technology.

NLISIS CEO Wil van Egmond feels that the new partnership offers great opportunities. “DSM Resolve is a respected provider of high-added-value analytical services. With their support, we are well equipped to step up our development efforts for new important applications that make GC-technology easier to use, and decrease the total cost of ownership through faster and better performance. Our Meltfit One is only the first step towards the next generation of GC.”

Bert Kip, General Manager of DSM Resolve comments: “In everything we do, we are guided by our customers’ needs. We give pragmatic solutions based on high-end analytical expertise. NLISIS Chromatography has a similar attitude, making them a natural partner for us.”

With its Meltfit technology, NLISIS offers a unique platform to develop new solutions that make GC analyses more accurate and easier to perform. Chromatography is by far the most prominent analytical separation technique of modern analytical chemistry. Anyone who can achieve significant improvements in that technique, will have a large impact. The development team at NLISIS has solved the problems associated with leaking and time-consuming capillary column connections. With these same skills in place, NLISIS and DSM Resolve can tackle several additional major issues as well.

As part of the partnership, the two companies applied for a substantial grant in the Netherlands to develop innovative GC solutions based on the mutual experiences and techniques of DSM Resolve and NLISIS Chromatography. On March 18, the Ministry of Economic Affairs will make a public announcement about this grant.

DSM Resolve is a leading analytical center that is specialized in product and process analysis for a wide a range of markets and partners. DSM Resolve has a 100-strong team of analysts with an extensive industrial experience in method development and implementation and in solutions to analysis related problems.

DSM Resolve, a service unit of Dutch-based Royal DSM N.V., works for DSM's global R&D organization as well as more than 200 other organisations. Besides large chemical and material companies, DSM Resolve works for academic hospitals, for pharmaceutical companies, instrument companies and a series of SMEs. In addition DSM Resolve has growing activities in the forensic and professional sports scene. Recently DSM Resolve founded The Maastricht Forensic Institute in partnership with Maastricht University.

NLISIS Chromatography (to be pronounced as 'analysis') was established in 2006 as an expert taskforce led by Wil van Egmond (former CEO of ATAS) that evaluated market signals coming from the chromatography society. NLISIS is committed to making substantial improvements to techniques used in the field of chemical analysis. The development of the products takes place in close cooperation with a group of lead users. This dialogue allows NLISIS to constantly focus and test the development efforts, resulting in products that have an instant positive reception in the field.

For more information about this partnership:

NLISIS Chromatography

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