

Press Release

McKesson and Celesio are joining forces

Stuttgart, Germany, 23. January 2014 – Celesio AG (“Celesio”) and McKesson Corporation (“McKesson”) are joining forces: McKesson is a leading US company in healthcare services and information technology. Celesio is a leading international wholesaler and retailer of pharmaceutical products and a provider of logistics and other services for the pharmaceuticals and healthcare sector.

Dr. Marion Helmes, Speaker of the Management Board and CFO of Celesio, said: “I am pleased that the business combination with McKesson can go ahead. With this step we lay an excellent foundation to achieve profitable growth and expand market-leading positions.”

About Celesio Group

Celesio is a leading international wholesale and retail company and provider of logistics and services to the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors. The proactive and preventive approach ensures that patients receive the products and support that they require for optimum care. With 39,000 employees, Celesio operates in 14 countries around the world. Every day, the group serves over 2 million customers – at 2,200 pharmacies of its own and 4,100 participants in brand partnership schemes. With around 130 wholesale branches, Celesio supplies 65,000 pharmacies and hospitals every day with up to 130,000 pharmaceutical products. The services benefit a patient pool of about 15 million per day.

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