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Thermo Fisher to establish new pharma services facility in China

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Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. has signed a joint venture agreement to establish a new pharma services facility in Hangzhou, China, for integrated biologics and steriles drug development and manufacturing. The new facility is expected to be completed in 2022.

The new state-of-the-art Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) facility will become part of Thermo Fisher's extensive global pharma services network, which includes leading capabilities for drug product development, biologics manufacturing, sterile fill-finish, clinical trials packaging and logistics. The Hangzhou site will also incorporate stringent quality control processes that meet or exceed regulatory guidelines established by the China National Medical Products Administration (NMPA), the U.S. FDA and appropriate EMEA authorities.

"Our agreement with Innoforce will provide critical support in helping to meet the high demand for biologics in China," said Michel Lagarde, executive vice president, Thermo Fisher Scientific. "The addition of the Hangzhou site will expand our existing global network and provide drug development and manufacturing services for customers in China, as well as for global customers seeking capabilities in the region."

Innoforce CEO Yuling Li said, "To successfully bring novel therapies to market domestically and internationally, emerging biotech companies increasingly need partners with expertise in development and manufacturing and deep global regulatory knowledge. Through our partnership with Thermo Fisher, we can offer an accelerated pathway for biopharmaceutical manufacturers in China – and outside as well – to bring innovative therapies to the world."

Until the site is operational, new and existing customers can access Thermo Fisher's global biologics and steriles network, which includes sites across the U.S., Europe and Asia-Pacific, and then seamlessly transition to the new Hangzhou site after completion.