

Thermo Fisher expands in France to boost capabilities from development to commercial manufacturing

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This expansion in Bourgoin builds on the company's investments in small molecule solutions

American supplier of scientific instrumentation, reagents and consumables, Thermo Fisher Scientific is adding early development work for oral solid dose therapies to its Bourgoin, France site, enabling that location to address customers' workflow from early drug development through commercial manufacturing and underscoring the company's commitment to helping clients get medicines to patients sooner.

"In the last decade, Thermo Fisher has led and advanced the field of oral solid dose development, with 126 new drug approvals supported," said Leon Wyszowski, President of pharma services commercial operations. "Expanding our capabilities in France is a further investment in our global oral solid network that will allow us to further forge partnerships with customers who depend on our capabilities for the development and commercial production of lifesaving drugs for their patients."

In late 2021, the French government's France Relance economic stimulus plan provided a grant to support the early development hub. Construction work began during the first quarter of 2022 enabling first activities to be launched in June 2022.

In addition to expanded good manufacturing practices (GMP) facilities, the early development hub includes a 430-square-meter (4,600 square feet) research and development facility for pre-clinical, non-GMP operations.

Bourgoin is a Thermo Fisher centre of excellence in Europe for oral solid dose end-to-end drug product development and high potent substance handling.