

Lonza expands Bioconjugation capabilities with two additional manufacturing suites in Switzerland

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Lonza, a global development and manufacturing partner to the pharmaceutical, biotech and nutraceutical markets, has announced that it will invest in additional bioconjugation capabilities in Visp (CH), Switzerland.

The expansion will add two multipurpose 1,200 L manufacturing suites and manufacturing-related infrastructure to the existing bioconjugation facility in Visp (CH) for launch and commercial supply. The new capacity will generate approximately 200 new jobs and is expected to be operational from 2028.

The new suites will occupy approximately 2,000m² and double Lonza's multipurpose capacity for the launch and commercial supply of bioconjugates. The flexible multi-customer suites are designed to run the increasingly complex and variable processes needed to manufacture antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) and other bioconjugates maturing through the drug pipeline.

The additional bioconjugation suites will support the growth of Lonza's leading bioconjugation offering, spanning manufacturing for early phase clinical development, large-scale manufacture for launch and commercial supply, and will include drug product filling capability. This investment follows the recently announced customer-dedicated bioconjugation expansion in Visp (CH).

As part of Lonza's emission reduction strategy, the manufacturing suites follow sustainability design standards for new builds that include energy-efficient water heating systems, air supply and lighting solutions, leading to a significant decrease in carbon footprint compared to traditional design solutions. In addition, technology for improved cytotoxic liquid waste management will reduce waste by up to 90%.