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## NextPharma Completes Acquisition of Two Lonza Sites

- Completion of acquisition of Lonza sites in Ploermel (FR) and Edinburgh (UK)
- A seamless ownership transfer process remains a priority

### Quote from Peter Burema, CEO of NextPharma:

“We are very excited at adding two new centres of excellence, at Ploermel and Edinburgh, to NextPharma’s manufacturing network, allowing us to further broaden our technology offering for both our existing and new customers. These technologies, combined with the know-how and expertise of the employees at both sites, will provide additional solutions for drug formulations which will benefit patients across the world. On behalf of the whole NextPharma team, I welcome our new colleagues, and together we look forward to continuing to further develop and grow NextPharma as a leading and well-respected European CDMO.”

### Quote from Gordon Bates, President and Head of Small Molecules, Lonza:

“The strategic divestment of our Ploermel and Edinburgh sites will enable NextPharma to benefit from operational synergies and optimize existing expertise and technologies. In this context, as we close the divestment process, we are confident that NextPharma is well placed to develop and grow both sites to their full potential. We wish to thank the leadership teams and employees at the Ploermel and Edinburgh sites for their continuing dedication and professionalism during the transition period.”

**Basel, Switzerland and London, United Kingdom, 1 April 2021** – Lonza announced today the completion of the divestment of its Ploermel (FR) and Edinburgh (UK) sites to NextPharma.

The agreement between both parties was previously [announced](#) on 19 January 2021.

## **About NextPharma**

NextPharma is a leading European pharmaceutical Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation (CDMO) with a current footprint spanning five sites in Germany, one in France and one in Finland, and with healthcare logistics services in the DACH region. NextPharma supplies products globally, with eight of its nine sites FDA-approved. With expertise in solids, semi solids and non-sterile and sterile liquids, the company provides services from pharmaceutical development, clinical supplies, scale-up and process validation through to commercial manufacturing for a large range of dosage forms including tablets, capsules, granules, powders, pellets, gels, creams, sprays and syrups and a wide range of packaging solutions including blow-fill-seal, blisters, bottles, sachets, stick packs and tubes.

With two recent new sites acquisitions, we add to our services lipid-based formulations as Soft gel and Liquid filled hard-shell for pharmaceutical, high potent, hormonal, and nutritional products.

NextPharma's expertise and centres of excellence enable it to provide a unique service offering in certain very specific specialised areas such as hormonal solids and semi-solids, cephalosporins, penicillins, narcotics, modified release products, ophthalmics as well as paediatric medicinal products. For more information, please visit [www.nextpharma.com](http://www.nextpharma.com).

## **About Lonza**

Lonza is the preferred global partner to the pharmaceutical, biotech and nutrition markets. We work to prevent illness and enable a healthier world by supporting our customers to deliver new and innovative medicines that help treat a wide range of diseases. We achieve this by combining technological insight with world-class manufacturing, scientific expertise and process excellence. These enable our customers to commercialize their discoveries and innovations in the healthcare sector.

Founded in 1897 in the Swiss Alps, today Lonza operates across three continents. With approximately 14,000 full-time employees, we are built from high-performing teams and of individual talent who make a meaningful difference to our own business, as well as to the communities in which we operate. The company generated sales of CHF 4.5 billion in 2020 with a CORE EBITDA of CHF 1.4 billion. Find out more at [www.lonza.com](http://www.lonza.com)