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LNE to host international forum on regulations for medical devices in China and Japan

The Laboratoire National de Métrologie et d'Essais (LNE) and its G-MED certification division invite manufacturers and distributors of medical devices to attend a one-day forum focusing on regulations covering the Chinese and Japanese medical device markets. The forum will be held at the Maison de la Mécanique in Paris on **10 November 2009**.

The aim of the forum is to provide European company directors, regulatory affairs managers, quality managers and Asia export managers with a comprehensive overview of current regulations in each of the two countries.

The programme covers detailed examination of procedures to be followed (registration and approval processes, placing products on the market, quality management system), shared experience, and the assistance provided by LNE China.

The forum is organized in partnership with Emergo Group, an international medical device consulting firm which assists companies in quality system implementation and compliance with regulations in the United States, Europe, Canada, Japan, China and Australia.

LNE/G-MED has signed a recognition agreement with the Japan Quality Assurance organization JQA. Under this agreement, and in the context of the Japanese regulatory procedure, LNE/G-MED works with JQA on initial audits of quality management systems for manufacturers wishing to market their electromedical and in vitro diagnostic devices in Japan. Control and renewal audits are performed independently by qualified LNE/G-MED auditors and recognized by JQA.

LNE's subsidiary in Shanghai, LNE China, will soon be able to help manufacturers with a range of services, including comprehensive inspections in Asian production plants.

The Laboratoire National de Métrologie et d'Essais (LNE) is a state-owned enterprise with 770 staff. It provides expert services to all companies and bodies concerned with product quality and safety. LNE's five core activities are research, calibration and consulting in metrology, testing and analysis, certification, and training.

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