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### **YMC finalizes acquisition of American based pharmaceutical systems' business**

*Staff and facility investments are anticipated to expand manufacturing site, products and services in North America and global distribution of technologies.*

**Kyoto, Japan; Devens, MA USA; 20 Dec., 2018 – YMC acquires pharmaceutical systems' business from LEWA-Nikkiso group**

YMC Co., Ltd., a leading supplier of separations resins, services and systems for the pharmaceutical market, announced today that they concluded the acquisition of the pharmaceutical systems business of LEWA-Nikkiso America Inc. Based in Devens, MA, USA this group was within the LEWA division of Nikkiso Corporation and provides advanced production scale chromatography systems for the bioprocessing and the pharmaceutical industry.

The result of this acquisition immediately expands YMC's existing offering of chromatography columns, systems, services and consumables and allows YMC to strengthen its reach in North America and expand its global systems' business. The transaction successfully retained the staff and assumed all assets dedicated to the development, manufacture and sales of batch and continuous HPLC, LPLC, SMB and buffer / caustic dilution systems for the bio/pharmaceutical market. This includes the manufacturing site located in Devens, MA USA. Terms of the purchase were not made public.

Together with this group, YMC expects to offer its global customers an even more comprehensive portfolio of purification-enabling products. YMC's global sales reach is expected to accelerate the former LEWA bio/pharmaceutical group's business. The combined operations will be well positioned to capture global growth trends, such as growing demand for continuous processing.

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LEWA remains a key element of the business through a long term pump supply arrangement. The deal includes the transfer of licenses with ChromaCon AG and Bayer AG that support the bio/pharmaceutical systems' business and certain non-compete clauses.

Ryuji Yamamura, Chief Executive Officer of YMC said, *"We are pleased to have this truly unique and differentiated platform of GMP scale EcoPrime systems. The strong awareness among end users, especially those pursuing continuous processing of pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals, aligns well with our leading resins, columns and methods' expertise. This acquisition creates YMC's first America's-based manufacturing for the nearly 40 year old business. In addition, we believe acquiring this group's extensive experience in precision purification systems and automation for GMP scale equipment can unlock YMC's mostly untapped growth potential for systems outside of Asia. We are confident that this addition to our portfolio will strengthen our platform and provide an additional vehicle for driving long-term, sustainable growth. We are pleased to retain the full complement of resources at this site and already have laid plans to grow the business through bringing more products into the facility."*

Says Peter Castellanos, CEO, LNA *"LEWA had great success in gaining industry recognition as an innovative purification systems' player in the bioprocess space in a short period of time. YMC's product portfolio is well positioned to take the next phase of growth for this group. We remain commercially aligned to this business through supply of our LEWA pumps which are key component to future YMC systems. Existing customers have not seen disruption to production during the pre-acquisition phase which is a tribute to both teams"*.

YMC America (Allentown, PA) remains a stand-alone product distribution-based business apart from but working with the YMC Process Technologies' (Devens, MA) systems' business.

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YMC is a private Life Science company headquartered in Kyoto, Japan. Founded in 1980, company has over 9 affiliates and facilities throughout Asia, Europe and America. The over 400 employees are providing best-in-class lab and process scale solutions to the pharmaceutical industry. YMC focus is in the innovation, production and sales of packing materials, packed columns and systems for High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), Low Pressure Liquid Chromatography (LPLC) and custom purification and custom synthesis. YMC has recently opened CMO facility and pilot plant incorporating state of the art simulated moving bed (SMB) purification. YMC is also engaged in the production and sales of microreactor systems. YMC's intellectual assets and know-how cultivated from many years of experience, will continue to push the limits to create a prosperous future for the purification and discovery of small and large molecule therapies. More at: <http://www.ymc.co.jp/en/>

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