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### **cleanpart healthcare acquires *VANGUARD Integrierte Versorgungssysteme***

Duisburg-based expert service provider for decontamination of medical devices becomes Germany's largest provider for sterile supply services

**Duisburg, 2016-08-15.** Taking effect as of July 1, 2016, cleanpart healthcare GmbH has acquired all shares of *VANGUARD Integrierte Versorgungssysteme GmbH*. Thus, the Duisburg-based expert service provider takes over the complete "decontamination of reusable medical devices" business of VANGUARD AG located in Berlin.

VANGUARD sold its reusable devices business to be able to focus more intensely on the special processing of complex medical devices in the future. Dr. Gerhard Sontheimer, VANGUARD AG's CEO, sees a sustainable demand in this area: "The cost pressure in the healthcare business is increasing considerably. Thus, with regard to sustainability, also complex medical devices must be decontaminated and reprocessed. VANGUARD is leading in this area of special reprocessing and this leader's position is something we will extend further."

cleanpart healthcare, on the other hand, is still concentrating on the reprocessing of reusable medical devices and will be Germany's largest provider for sterile supply services after the integration of VANGUARD's operations and projects. Also cleanpart healthcare's market position in Austria will improve due to the takeover of the VANGUARD project.

"The increased size and distribution is a big advantage for our customers, particularly with regard to the higher security of supply", says Klaus Sellinghoff, managing director of cleanpart healthcare GmbH. "Decontamination of medical devices is still a challenge. This is also true for reusable medical devices. With regard to technology, organization and economy, high performance, competence and experience is required - and cleanpart healthcare can offer all these things on an even broader basis now."

Also Timo Seeberger, managing director of cleanpart group GmbH in Asperg, is happy about the growth of its subsidiary: "So far, cleanpart healthcare showed an impressive, organic growth. This is also true when we take a look at the current year in which the Eschweiler location near Aachen starts operation. The acquisition of the reusable devices business from VANGUARD is not only another step forward but actually a real leap to the top." Christophe Pignorel, CEO of the cleanpart group active on a worldwide level, also sees international potential here: "Our German subsidiary is becoming a real international market player with regard to size and structure."

Soon after the actual takeover of *VANGUARD Integrierte Versorgungssysteme GmbH*, also the name is to be adapted. A still well-known and highly estimated name not used frequently in the past years will be revived: the newly integrated operations and projects will be continued under the brand name INSTRUCLEAN.

#### **About cleanpart healthcare**

cleanpart healthcare is Germany's large, independent service provider for the decontamination of medical devices for clinics, medical care centers and established practices. cleanpart healthcare's services encompass amongst other things consultancy for all aspects of medical device decontamination, training and support of employees working in sterile supply services, management of central sterile supply department and operations, provision of corresponding infrastructure in form of capacity utilization models, the decontamination of medical devices as complete supply services in our own operations as well as the cooperation with clinics as joint ventures and in other forms of cooperation. cleanpart healthcare belongs to the cleanpart group, the market leader for precision cleaning and coating for the semiconductor industry.

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