

## INFORMATION STATEMENT

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### TFS Trial Form Support expands in Portugal

TFS Trial Form Support (TFS) has as of October 2006 expanded its current representation in Lisbon, Portugal. Senior level of project management competence has been added in the employment of Paula Costa. She is a qualified chemist by Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, USA (1989) who post-graduated in Clinical Research (1992) at the Medical University in Lisbon. Paula Costa speaks Portuguese as mother tongue and is fluent in English and Spanish.

She has over 16 years of industry experience with in-depth understanding of clinical trials, gained from both the CRO- and pharmaceutical sector. She has devoted a significant part of her career working with clinical trials from Phase II to IV in a wide range of therapeutic areas. Paula Costa's previous employments in Portugal have been with Covance as an international project manager and with Boehringer-Ingelheim. She has had several different positions throughout the years including senior clinical research associate, clinical research manager, line manager of Portuguese staff, regulatory responsibility for Portugal and international project manager of pan-European clinical trials.

Amparo Alemany, who joined TFS in Spain, January 2006, as head of the Madrid office, will actively collaborate with Paula Costa in order to develop the affiliate in Portugal even further.

*"Portugal is an interesting country with high potential in clinical trials and we need to put more focus in that region. We have previously dealt with Portugal from our Madrid office but can now clearly confirm that this is not sufficient and efficient enough since our development projects are including Portugal more and more"* says Dr. Montserrat Barcelo, Managing Director for TFS in Southern Europe.

The investment in Portugal is currently directed towards expanding the Clinical Operations with an experienced team of project managers, clinical research associates and clinical administration. The supportive operational units such as data management, biostatistics, medical writing and drug safety will be managed by the Barcelona office in Spain.

*"What we can see from the requests that include Portugal is that they all more or less only involve Clinical Operations at this stage"* continues Dr. Montserrat Barcelo.



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**Information about TFS Trial Form Support (TFS)**

TFS is a full-service clinical CRO, providing the pharmaceutical, biotechnological, medical device, diagnostic and functional food industries with a wide range of clinical trial services. TFS services cover the whole clinical development programme from early explorative Phase I trials to registration trials in Phases II-III and post marketing surveillance trials in Phase IV. Over 300 highly competent employees, dedicated to accuracy and service have made TFS one of the fastest growing CROs in Europe with multiple offices spread throughout Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, the United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Russia, the Baltic States, India and Japan.



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