



Press Release

HCL'S LIFESCIENCES PRACTICE GETS A BOOST THROUGH RECOMMENDATION FOR ISO 13485:2003 QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

TUV GERMANY RECOMMENDS HCL FOR ISO 13485:2003 CERTIFICATION FOR MANUFACTURING MEDICAL ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

New Delhi, September 22, 2005: HCL, a leading global IT Enterprise, today announced that it has been recommended by TUV Germany for the ISO 13485:2003 certification for the manufacturing of medical and electronic products. TUV Germany is a reputed certification body engaged in certifying Quality Management Systems and Quality Product Services. HCL is the First IT-Enterprise in India to have been recommended for this certification for manufacturing Medical Electronic Devices that endorses compliance with international standards.

HCL's Life Sciences practice has been an emerging and dominant player in the Pharmacogenomics Biomedical Informatics domain. This certification makes the company a single-stop-solution provider for both design & manufacturing in domestic and global life sciences market.

HCL manufactures Medical Electronic Products through the electronic manufacturing unit of HCL Peripherals at Pondicherry, an HCL enterprise. HCL is in the process of expanding its operations in manufacturing and designing the entire range (Class-I to Class-III) of Medical Electronic Products.

Commenting on this recommendation, Pradep Nair, Vice President & Head – Life Sciences Practice, HCL, New Jersey, USA said "An early adoption of the standard will give us an edge in the market. The certification assures our clients of HCL's ability to manage the right process and helps them achieve quantum improvements in all aspects of the life science project lifecycle."

ISO 13485:2003 (successor to the ISO 13486:1996) is an internationally recognized quality standard, specifically applicable to the design, development and manufacturing of medical devices. This certification is an endorsement of HCL's strong manufacturing expertise, well-



defined process maps and excellent software tool integration in the area of manufacturing, design and development of software for medical electronic devices.

Speaking about this achievement, S.Pattabiraman, Executive - Vice President, HCL Peripherals said, "The TUV recommendation of ISO 13485: 2003 certification is a shot-in-the-arm for the organization for enhancing our Medical Electronic Manufacturing capabilities. Currently we are manufacturing a few Medical electronic products for selective International companies. This shall now get enhanced with higher standards of competence and in catering to the global market. We are now in the process of investing in manufacturing facilities with Testing and Validation lab which will enable us to become single point Concept-to-Complete product design, manufacturing and testing resource center for our valued domestic and global customers."

HCL works with major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, which provides composite solutions to customers in the areas of Clinical data analysis, Clinical Pharmacogenomics, Medical devices & diagnostics and Hospital Management systems, in compliance with FDA regulations. Due to the longevity of the product lifecycle, the life science industry emphasizes safety and reliability, which mandates a very high quality of services. The ISO 13485:2003 quality standard caters to the exclusive needs laying emphasis on Medical devices industry. This calls for stringent compliance with respect to work environment, quality management system for designing, developing, process and software validation, ESD control, production, traceability, calibration, internal quality audits, corrective & preventive actions, installation and servicing of medical devices, etc.

About HCL Enterprise

HCL Enterprise is a leading Global Technology and IT enterprise with annual revenues of US \$2.5 billion (INR 11000 crores). IT Products and Services contribute to revenues of over \$1.2billion. The HCL Enterprise comprises two companies listed in India, HCL Technologies & HCL Infosystems. Founded in 1976, the 29-year-old enterprise is one of India's original IT garage start ups. Its range of offerings span Product Engineering, Technology and Application Services, BPO, Infrastructure Services, IT Hardware, Systems Integration, and distribution of technology and telecom products. The HCL team comprises 30,000 professionals of diverse nationalities, who operate from 15 countries including 300 points of presence in India. HCL has global partnerships with several leading Fortune 1000 firms, including IT and Technology firms. For more information please visit www.hcl.in



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