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Novacap strengthens its Cosmetics and Healthcare offering with the acquisition of ID bio, a manufacturer of botanical ingredients and H2B, a manufacturer of ingredients for *in vitro* diagnosis.

Novacap, a worldwide player in the pharmaceutical and cosmetics industry, announced that it has acquired ID bio, a producer of natural ingredients for cosmetics, along with H2B, a manufacturer of fractionated blood products for *in vitro* diagnosis.

Novacap serves the cosmetics industry with essential ingredients used as preservatives, UV filters, exfoliants and fragrances.

ID bio leverages its expertise in enzymatic extraction and purification to develop innovative active ingredients and botanical extracts. ID bio focuses on ethical and eco-friendly sourcing of raw materials to offer differentiated ingredients with controlled traceability.

The acquisition of ID bio by Novacap meets the group's growth strategy which aims at supplying its clients with a wide range of active and functional ingredients and widening its cosmetic portfolio with natural products.

In addition, H2B will strengthen Novacap's positioning on the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare markets.

"ID bio and H2B's innovation capabilities will enrich Novacap's offering and ability to meet the needs of our customers", stated Pierre Luzeau, Novacap CEO.

"Novacap will support ID bio and H2B to accelerate their development leveraging the two companies' market approaches and recognised expertise. The complementarities between our two groups open up outstanding prospects for the future", said Jean-Pierre Picot, Founding President of ID bio.

ID bio and H2B will benefit from Novacap's industrial and regulatory expertise and large client portfolio to accelerate their growth.

## About NOVACAP

Global player in the pharmaceutical and chemical industry, Novacap produces and distributes Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and essential chemicals products used in everyday applications. Through its three divisions (Pharmaceutical & Cosmetics, Mineral Specialties, and Performance Chemicals) Novacap offers a wide range of products and holds leading positions on the pharmaceuticals and health, cosmetics and fragrances, food and feed, detergents and environment markets. Novacap is recognized for the outstanding quality of its products as well as its culture of excellence which aims at providing its clients with the best level of service. Novacap generated c. 638 million euros in sales in 2016 and employs more than 1,700 people across the world.

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## About ID bio & H2B

ID bio is a biotechnology firm, specialising since 1993 in the extraction, fractionation and purification of botanical substances for the cosmetics industry. This core know-how allows the company to offer botanical ingredients developed with rigorous procedures. ID bio offers a large range of botanical extracts, titrated extracts and active ingredients with applications in hair, make-up and care products.

H2B is specialised in the manufacturing of fractionated blood products for *in vitro* diagnosis. With over 20 years of experience, the firm has become an expert in fractionation, extraction and purification of animal and human proteins. H2B has developed two different product ranges from bovine plasma and, since 2009, from human plasma so as to meet new market expectations.

ID bio and H2B have also been awarded ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certifications for their commitment to quality - security - environment culture.

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