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## Jan7MSD Animal Health to Purchase Manufacturing Facility in Krems, Austria

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European Facility Will Boost Global Vaccine Production Capacity

MSD Animal Health, known as Merck Animal Health in the United States and Canada, today announced plans to purchase a new manufacturing facility in Krems an der Donau, Austria with the intention to expand its global vaccine manufacturing capacity. The facility, currently owned by Shire plc., was built in 2002 and will add to the company's impressive global manufacturing capabilities.

"This new manufacturing site is ideally located in central Europe. It provides MSD Animal Health additional manufacturing resources and advanced technology platforms to meet the growing demand for our vaccine products that prevent disease and keep animals healthy while positioning us for strong long-term growth," stated Joseph Morrissey, senior vice president, operations, MSD Animal Health.

"We are excited to expand our footprint to Krems," stated Dr. Hans-Günther Dittrich, vice president, Europe, Russia, North Africa, Middle East region. "Krems is the home to several distinct universities, and a rich tradition as an economic center for bio-pharmaceuticals. It is a great opportunity for us to tap into the innovative science in the area."

MSD Animal Health has a substantial global manufacturing footprint and is a leader in animal health vaccines with a range of global vaccines products for animal health diseases.

MSD Animal Health intends to immediately begin renovating the facility and expects to be ready for production in the coming years. Additional terms of the deal will not be disclosed.

## About MSD Animal Health

For more than a century, MSD, a leading global biopharmaceutical company, has been inventing for life, bringing forward medicines and vaccines for many of the world's most challenging diseases. MSD Animal Health, known as Merck Animal Health in the United States and Canada, is the global animal health business unit of MSD. Through its commitment to the Science of Healthier Animals™, MSD Animal Health offers veterinarians, farmers, pet owners and governments one of the widest range of veterinary pharmaceuticals, vaccines and health management solutions and services. MSD Animal Health is dedicated to preserving and improving the health, well-being and performance of animals. It invests extensively in dynamic and comprehensive R&D resources and a modern, global supply chain. MSD Animal Health is present in more than 50 countries, while its products are available in some 150 markets. For more information, visit [www.msd-animal-health.com](http://www.msd-animal-health.com) or connect with us on [LinkedIn](#).

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