

## **Almirall, 50% below the pharmaceutical sector accident rate**

- **Renewal of the OHSAS 18001:2007 certificate demonstrates its commitment to occupational health and safety in Spain and is extended to the Almirall centres in Germany**
- **Almirall Germany centres have a practically nil accident rate**
- **The company allocated a total of 3,800 training hours to health, safety and the environment in 2012**

**Barcelona, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013.-** Almirall, one of the pioneering laboratories in obtaining the TÜV Rheinland certificate for its centres in Spain in 2007, has just had it renewed as testament to compliance by its Occupational Health and Safety Management System with the international standard OHSAS 18001:2007.

This renewal encompasses all Almirall centres and activities in Spain and has been extended to the centres in Germany in Reinbek (Hamburg) and Bad Homburg (Frankfurt). TÜV Rheinland therefore certifies that the company is consistently applying the latest and most demanding occupational health and safety criteria, even beyond current legislation.

The scope of this certificate covers research and development activities, manufacturing of active ingredients and manufacturing and wholesale trading of pharmaceutical products.

### **Almirall occupational health and safety in figures**

In 2012 the pharmaceutical company allocated a total of 3,800 training hours to health, safety and the environment. It also carried out various preventative campaigns, such as an international awareness campaign for road safety, which was awarded the *International Safety Award* at the *Fleet Europe Awards 2012*.

In the same year, 270 risk assessments were performed on sites and work stations, as well as 140 safety inspections and internal audits.

This constant hard work has meant that Almirall has managed to cut its accident rate in Spain by half and is 50% below the official pharmaceutical sector rate. Meanwhile, the accident rate in centres in Germany is practically nil.

Under a single unified policy, in 2012 Almirall integrated the occupational health and safety management system (OHSAS 18001:2007) into the environmental management system (ISO 14001:2004) and the new energy management system (ISO 50001:2011).

### **About OHSAS 18001:2007**

OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series) is an Occupational Health and Safety management standard developed by an international consortium of standardisation and certification organisations. OHSAS 18001 sets out the structural elements of an Occupational Health and Safety Management System to

review, manage and improve monitoring of risks at work. The standard includes a series of controls and requirements that help the company comply with legislation and a continuous improvement process.

TÜV Rheinland is a leading international group in inspection, environmental protection, and certification of product management, safety and quality systems which was created in 1872 in Cologne, Germany. Almirall's certificate renewal is valid for a period of three years. During this period annual follow-up audits will be performed.

### **Almirall**

Almirall is a pharmaceutical company committed to provide valuable medicines through our own R&D efforts, which exceeded 23% on sales in 2012, together with external partnerships, licenses and collaborations. Through seeking innovative medicines we aim to become a relevant player in respiratory and dermatology diseases with also a strong interest in gastroenterology and pain. With more than 3,000 employees in 22 countries, Almirall generated total revenues of 900 million in 2012.

The company was founded in 1943 and is headquartered in Barcelona, Spain. The stock is traded in the Spanish stock exchange (ticker: ALM).

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