Sartorius Stedim Biotech (SSB) acquires leading biopharma software developer Umetrics

- Leading data analytics software to optimize process development and production of biopharmaceuticals
- Swedish company already an SSB cooperation partner since 2012
- 2017 financial guidance confirmed

Aubagne, April 3, 2017 – Sartorius Stedim Biotech, a leading supplier to the biopharma industry, today acquired the Umetrics business (MKS Instruments AB) from the U.S. based MKS Instruments Group. Umetrics is a highly specialized, globally leading provider of data analytics software for modeling and optimizing development and manufacturing processes. SSB has been a cooperation partner of Umetrics since the end of 2012, distributing and co-marketing their software to major players in the biopharmaceutical industry.

SSB purchased Umetrics for $72.5 million on a cash and debt-free basis. The company is expected to generate sales revenue on a full-year basis of approximately $15 million and a significant double-digit underlying EBITDA margin in 2017. Headquartered in Malmö, Sweden, Umetrics employs approximately 50 people.

Oscar-Werner Reif, member of the Executive Committee of SSB, said: “Powerful data analytics software tools are key when it comes to running state-of-the-art biopharmaceutical factories of the future. We will provide our customers with the best-suited tools to monitor and optimize their processes and fulfill their documentation requirements for regulatory bodies.” Jakob Mohr Christensen, Managing Director of Umetrics, said: "We are very pleased to become part of SSB as it provides the opportunity to further gain access to key customers and accelerate the penetration of our best-in-class software solutions."

Major application areas for Umetrics software systems are critical process steps, such as cell culture processes or specific purification steps in the biopharmaceutical industry. Applying multivariate data analysis (MVDA) on a number of parameters such as glucose and lactate, process variations and their causes can be displayed transparently in real time. DoE software (Design of Experiments) permits critical process parameters to be efficiently identified and quantified as well as development cycles to be considerably shortened. Besides biopharma, Umetrics is also serving customers in the chemical and food and beverage industries.

Following the transaction, SSB confirms its financial targets for the full year of 2017. Sales revenue is expected to increase by about 8% to 12% and the underlying EBITDA\(^1\) margin to
rise by approx. 0.5 percentage points over the prior-year figure of 27.5%, both estimations given in constant currencies. The positive growth effect due to the Umetrics acquisition of around 1 percentage point will be compensated by the somewhat softer customer demand at the beginning of the year as well as by temporarily limited delivery capacities for cell culture media in North America, which are anticipated to have an impact primarily in the first half of 2017.

SSB continues to plan capital expenditures of around 10% to 13% of sales in the current year.

1 Underlying EBITDA = earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, adjusted for extraordinary items

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A Profile of Sartorius Stedim Biotech
Sartorius Stedim Biotech is a leading international supplier of products and services that enable the biopharmaceutical industry to develop and manufacture drugs safely and efficiently. As a total solutions provider, Sartorius Stedim Biotech offers a portfolio covering nearly all steps of biopharmaceutical manufacture. The company focuses on single-use technologies and value-added services to meet the rapidly changing technology requirements of the industry it serves. Headquartered in Aubagne, France, Sartorius Stedim Biotech is quoted on the Eurolist of Euronext Paris. With its own manufacturing and R&D sites in Europe, North America and Asia and an international network of sales companies, Sartorius Stedim Biotech has a global reach. In 2016, the company employed approx. 4,700 people, and earned sales revenue of 1,051.6 million euros. More information can be found at Sartorius Stedim Biotech’s web page www.sartorius.com.

A Profile of Umetrics
Umetrics is a world leader in multivariate technology, providing software for design of experiments (DOE) and multivariate data analysis (MVDA). Umetrics offers complete solutions for both off-line and online data analysis (continuous and batch processes), all supported by training and consulting services. More information can be found at Umetrics web page www.umetrics.com.

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