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A NEW BACTERICIDE AGAINST NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS **By Nicolas Fichot**

TOULOUSE (Reuters)

A powerful bactericide changing colors progressively was developed by a French manufacturer for a better effectiveness in the fight against hospital nosocomial infections.

In France each year 800.000 patients contract a nosocomial infection causing nearly 10.000 deaths, twice as many as in road-accidents.

The 2006 OMS statistics show that 75% of these deaths could result from bacterial strains now antibiotic multi-resistant.

Bernard Joaniquet the manager of the Ciel Vert Company in Toulouse has just launched on the market a disinfectant named Bluetoo changing progressively from blue to discolored on the surfaces treated.

The complete final in discoloration after 5 minutes guarantees a 99,99% effectiveness by the European standards.

“ The Bluetoo product offers the advantage that the discoloration phenomenon prevents a premature rinsing process of the surface teated. The obvious visual sign makes all error impossible, the current standards of the bactericidal treatment imposing 5 minutes of contact” Bernard Joaniquet explains.

“With our system for example a surgeon will never unconsciously use an instrument just disinfected but still active with bacteria” the manager of this industrial cleaning company says.

His product has just been launched on the foreign market and it is now being launched on the French market.

Ciel Vert company already got the international certification from organizations like NATO.

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Marie Françoise Woillez who works as a nurse in the Toulouse area finds it “quite amazing that the concept was not invented earlier”

“In the hospitals I worked in I certainly myself did not do things properly, being too quick” she said “in the operation rooms, all goes quickly. The instruments have all been properly cleaned but they are used by someone else immediately after. And it is the potential mistake which can ruin a life sometimes”, she adds.

Ciel Vert, set up in Villemur -sur- Tarn in Toulouse North area, employs 7 people by now but the company plans some short time employment together with the making of a 100 or 500 local

suppliers network.

“We expect our sales to pass from 200.000€ to one then two and three million euros in the coming three years according to our financial plan” adds the manager who has turned down several patent purchase offers but who plans to develop financial partnership with investors.

After the industrial and sanitary markets, he plans to apply the product to the private home market.

“Like anywhere in Europe, the hospital care at home service is developing in France. Being ready for use and easy to use, Bluetooth will then be a guarantee of perfect hygiene in its application to such cares” Bernard Joaniquet concludes.