

## **NDCHEALTH AND CEGEDIM ANNOUNCE JOINT VENTURE**

LONDON, PARIS, and ATLANTA, December 10, 2001 --- NDCHealth Corporation (NYSE: NDC) and Cegedim S.A. (Paris SE: CGM) announced today the creation of Infopharm Limited, a joint venture company headquartered in the United Kingdom. Infopharm will provide innovative sales and marketing information services to UK pharmaceutical companies by combining the expertise of two of the leading international suppliers of health information services.

Infopharm will provide products and services offered by NDC Pharma Services Ltd., a subsidiary of NDC, and Infosante Ltd., a subsidiary of Cegedim. These products and services provide pharmaceutical manufacturers with market research and analysis on prescription drug sales. Infopharm will develop new value-added products and services using state-of-the-art tools and web-based technologies to enhance these established product platforms.

Jean-Claude Labrune, chief executive officer of Cegedim, said, "The ability to manage data and deliver valuable product sales and marketing information to pharmaceutical companies is one of the core competencies of both NDCHealth and Cegedim. With NDC, we will commit to use our extensive inherited knowledge and experience to provide unique and innovative solutions for the United Kingdom market."

Walter M. Hoff, chief executive officer of NDCHealth, said, "Cegedim's reputation for quality and innovation is recognized throughout Europe and the United Kingdom. We believe that our pharmaceutical customers will see immediate and long term benefits from our joint venture."

Infopharm will be located at the current address of Cegedim's Infosante offices at Nicholsons House, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1LD.

The other subsidiaries of Cegedim in the UK, namely, Cegedim Ltd. which provides, via TEAMS, Customer Relationship Management (CRM) solutions to pharmaceutical companies and In Practice Systems Ltd., leader in the UK for windows based systems to General Practitioners, will not be part of the joint-venture.

NDCHealth also provides information systems and services to the retail pharmacy market in the United Kingdom through its subsidiary, NDCHealth UK Ltd. This business will continue to be operated by NDCHealth UK Ltd. independently from the joint venture with Cegedim.

Cegedim, headquartered in Paris, is Europe's leading provider in healthcare and pharmaceutical CRM solutions. With a presence in 19 countries and a workforce totaling more than 2,600 people, the Cegedim group has reported a turnover of Euro 242 million (\$213 million dollars) in 2000. Cegedim is also one of the major providers of sales and prescription data in France, Germany, U.K., Belgium and all central European countries.

NDCHealth is a leading provider of health information services that add value to pharmacy, hospital, physician, pharmaceutical and payer businesses. Based in the United States, NDCHealth had a turnover of \$349 million dollars (Euro 396 million) for its latest fiscal year.

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