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VACCINES IN SINGAPORE

A large, complex vaccine project in Singapore for a major pharmaceutical company requires a coordinated, multinational team. Pietro Orombelli and Zoran Serbedzija, project managers in our Milan operation, give an overview of Foster Wheeler's project approach.



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GlaxoSmithKline has decided to build a new production facility in Singapore. This facility will include four large buildings in the first phase: a quality control and administration building, two production buildings and a utilities building; all on a site of more than 85,000m². This state-of-the-art facility will be complete in three years, giving GSK a substantial production capacity increase and giving Singapore a major biotechnology production facility.

Foster Wheeler has been awarded a contract for basic design, engineering, procurement, construction management and validation services for this important project.

This follows on from our very successful cooperation with GSK on its new vaccine facility at Gödöllo in Hungary. In fact, a key success factor was our ability to roll over the core team from the Hungarian project to the Singapore project.

This is truly a global project, with our offices in Italy and Singapore collaborating to provide the very best service. Our Milan office, supported by staff from our Singapore operation, is executing basic design - interfacing with the GSK team in Belgium.

Procurement will remain in Milan with detailed design being completed in Singapore, together with construction, commissioning and validation. Lead technical specialists will transfer to Singapore to provide continuity from the basic design. The Hungarian project team has been involved from the start, bringing its experience from that project for a smooth start-up of detailed design activities.

Advance planning with coordination of resources and activities maximizes the chances of a successful project completion. We continue to refine our methodology for managing multi-center projects in order to support multinational clients around the world.