

Key Organics and InfoChem partner to improve chemical structure searching in catalogs

Cornwall, UK, and Munich, Germany – June, 2006 - Key Organics Ltd., a leading supplier of screening compounds, chemical building blocks and chemistry synthesis services has partnered with InfoChem GmbH, a global market leader in chemical structure and reaction handling and retrieval, to provide its users with chemical structure searching of its screening compounds and building blocks catalogs through SPRESI^{web}.

Online users of SPRESI^{web}, the chemical structure and reaction database for R&D in organic chemistry produced by InfoChem, are now able to perform structure / substructure searches in the Key Organics compound libraries.

“The combination in SPRESI^{web} of substructure searching and linking of the catalog structures to almost four million known reactions helps our bench chemists to solve their daily synthesis challenges” said Roger Moses, Key Organics CEO.

“SPRESI^{web} customers appreciate seeing immediately Key Organics’s screening compounds and building blocks in their structure and reaction hit lists” adds Josef Eiblmaier, InfoChem’s product manager.

About Key Organics

Key Organics (www.keyorganics.ltd.uk) was formed in 1986, supplying schemes of novel small-molecule chemistry to customers under confidentiality agreements. Over the last 20 years Key has provided companies worldwide with screening compounds, building blocks and chemistry services. In recent years custom and contract synthesis and lead optimisation programs have become an increasingly important part of Key Organics business for clients worldwide. Based at a well-equipped multi-lab site in Camelford, Cornwall, UK, Key Organics employs graduate and Ph.D. chemists, including medicinal chemists, with experience in a wide range of chemical techniques and technologies. Key Organics is able to supply milligram to kilogram quantities of compounds to a high specification.

About InfoChem

InfoChem GmbH (www.infochem.de), based in Munich, Germany, is a market leader in structure and reaction handling and retrieval. Founded in 1989, InfoChem focuses on the

production and marketing of new chemical information products, including structural and reaction databases, and the development of software tools required for these applications. The main software tools provided are the InfoChem Fast Search Engine (ICFSE), the InfoChem Chemistry Cartridge for Oracle, reaction center identification and the widely used InfoChem reaction classification algorithm CLASSIFY. In addition, InfoChem distributes one of the largest structural and reaction files worldwide, currently containing 4.5 million organic and organometallic compounds and facts and 4 million reactions covering the chemical literature published since 1974 (SPRESI). InfoChem's customers are large chemical and pharmaceutical companies as well as small high-potential start-ups worldwide. Springer-Verlag (Heidelberg) has held a majority interest in InfoChem since 1991. Since September 2003, Springer-Verlag has belonged to the investment group Cinven and Candover.

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