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TAGSYS, SYSTECH AND SUPPLYSCAPE LAUNCH INDUSTRY'S FIRST INTEGRATED SOLUTION TO FIGHT DRUG COUNTERFEITING, INCREASE PATIENT SAFETY

Single Solution Allows Pharmaceutical Manufacturers To Package, Distribute and Authenticate Drugs Throughout Supply Chain Using Item-Level RFID

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TAGSYS, SYSTECH International and SupplyScape Corporation today announced the industry's first complete, integrated solution that allows pharmaceutical manufacturers to serialize, package and distribute products enabling supply chain partners to authenticate drugs throughout the supply chain, creating significant barriers to counterfeiting and diversion.

The joint solution will enable drug manufacturers to efficiently deploy a drug serialization, authentication and pedigree system, which will have far reaching implications for supply chain management and patient safety.

Working seamlessly with most manufacturers' existing infrastructure, the system offers innovative approaches to address three critical areas of system integration and deployment -- RFID tagging for authentication at the item-level, packaging line device management and data capture, and authentication services and e-Pedigree compliance and management.

The integrated solution addresses the recommended approaches to secure the U.S. drug supply against counterfeiting threats highlighted by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) in their white paper titled "Electronic Authentication of Pharmaceutical Packaging and the Assurance of Public Safety". The solution can also provide compliance with pedigree requirements in Florida, California and other states.

"Drug counterfeiting has become one of the top concerns among drug makers, and many believe that the fight starts on the manufacturing floor," said SupplyScape President Shabbir Dahod. "By offering a single solution that encompasses the technology and domain expertise critical to success, this effort will eliminate the technology hurdles to deployment."

Last year, counterfeit drug investigations nearly tripled, garnering extraordinary attention from the FDA and officials at state and federal levels.

Putting it All Together

The three industry leaders each play a vital role in the drug authentication process:

In the first step, TAGSYS marks pharmaceuticals with a unique RFID-enabled product identification tag, which can capture information at the individual item-level. Together with its reader and antenna

designs, the RFID system delivers Six Sigma levels of performance in terms of tag readability and product quality. As a result, manufacturers and their supply chain partners can automate labor-intensive processes, authenticate and safeguard goods and enable real-time inventory.

“As the tip of the spear, item-level RFID is proving to be an effective system for drug manufacturers in protecting patient safety,” said John Jordon, president of worldwide field operations at TAGSYS. “Through this collaboration, manufacturers will receive TAGSYS’ expertise in delivering Reliable, Accurate and Secure (R.A.S.) RFID systems, and they are also assured that we’ve done much of the heavy lifting that all three components are fully integrated and deployable on manufacturing lines.”

SYSTECH's TIPS® Serialized Product Tracking solution manages all packaging line devices, including encoding and recording Electronic Product Code (EPC) serial numbers to the RFID tags and redundant bar codes. The software verifies all data on the RFID tag and bar code, establishes the parent-child relationships in which the products are placed, such as cases and pallets, and stores the information in a secure database. The software then makes all the data available for the e-Pedigree, Authentication, and other business and track and trace applications. The system handles all the real-time packaging level business processes including managing rejects, reworks and QA functions.

"We are delighted to partner with TAGSYS and SupplyScape to deliver a solution that not only drives the process and captures the information from the packaging line, but also facilitates the data management and communication requirements across distribution channels," said David DeJean, SYSTECH International's Director of PPM Sales, Serialized Product Tracking, RFID and Bar Code Solutions.

Once compiled in SYSTECH's system, the individual drug information is exported to SupplyScape's software applications which interoperate with supply chain partners' applications to manage drug bottle authentication and pedigree for each drug as it is passed throughout the pharmaceutical supply chain.

This integrated solution enables manufacturers to not only comply with upcoming regulatory and customer needs, but it also paves the way for future strategic value.

About TAGSYS

TAGSYS is the global leader in item-level RFID infrastructure. TAGSYS provides RFID systems and tags for end-to-end item-level tracking that automates labor-intensive processes, authenticates and safeguards goods, and enables real-time inventory and asset visibility. With a proven track record of delivering Reliable, Accurate and Secure (R.A.S.) RFID systems and tags, TAGSYS has deployed over 50 million tags and 50,000 reader systems to over 500 customers in more than 40 countries. TAGSYS RFID solutions are currently being deployed in a range of highly specialized vertical markets that include pharmaceutical, fashion apparel, libraries, and textile rental. The company is headquartered in France's Smart Valley with offices in the USA (Doylestown, Pennsylvania) and Asia (Hong Kong). More information on TAGSYS can be found at <http://www.tagsysrfid.com>.

About SYSTECH International

SYSTECH International is the leading provider of Packaging Performance Management solutions for manufacturing operations. Founded in 1985, its TIPS family of solutions was developed specifically to meet the needs of inspection, control, and information management in packaging environments. A recognized market leader in the Pharmaceutical, Medical Device, Biotechnology, and Healthcare industries, SYSTECH is rapidly gaining market leadership in the Food and Beverage industry. While focused on highly regulated industries, the company also services other packaging and converting industries including Printing, Cosmetics, Consumer Products, Automotive, and Electronics. Visit SYSTECH online at www.systemech-tips.com.

About SupplyScape

SupplyScape provides electronic pedigree software and expertise to safeguard and secure the pharmaceutical supply chain. A leader in defining an open universal standards-based electronic pedigree solution for the pharmaceutical industry, the company's executives enable manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and pharmacies to derive sustainable business value from their investments in electronic pedigree and supply chain security. For more information, visit www.supplyscape.com.