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Bayer closes on divestiture of Diabetes Care business to Panasonic Healthcare Holdings Co., Ltd. for around EUR 1 billion

Transaction includes blood glucose monitoring systems and lancing devices for people with diabetes

Leverkusen, Germany, January 5, 2016 – Bayer AG closed on its previously announced agreement to sell its Diabetes Care business to Panasonic Healthcare Holdings Co., Ltd., a company which is backed by funds sponsored by leading global investment firm KKR and the Panasonic Corporation. The total consideration for the transaction is around EUR 1 billion (JPY 132 billion). The new stand-alone Diabetes Care business is named Ascensia Diabetes Care Holdings and is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland.

The sale includes the leading Contour™ portfolio of blood glucose monitoring meters and strips, as well as other products such as Breeze™2, Elite™ and Microlet™ lancing devices. Bayer's Diabetes Care business accounted for EUR 909 million in sales in 2014.

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