

Press Release

ABB signs software agreement to distribute Wimmer Systems' DaCS™

"Regulatory concerns over the use of Excel Spreadsheets now become a thing of the past," says ABB spokesperson.

Cheshire, UK, March 31, 2003 -- ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, have added the Wimmer Systems DaCS™ software to their portfolio of consultancy services for the pharmaceutical industry.

DaCS™ provides 21 CFR Part 11 compliant Excel spreadsheets with logical security, a secure audit trail, and the ability to apply electronic signatures. This enables the compliant use of spreadsheets in the laboratory, manufacturing lines and other GxP controlled areas, permitting the re-introduction of spreadsheets where these had been withdrawn because of regulatory concerns.

Derek Wimmer, president of Wimmer Systems says, "We were attracted to ABB by their leading position in consultancy services to pharmaceutical markets and ability to provide worldwide sales and support to DaCS™. ABB has already won its first DaCS™ order, providing the software and associated consultancy and Part 11 services to DDMB at AstraZeneca in Charnwood, UK."

"Wimmer Systems is an innovative US software developer who has developed DaCS™ as a 21 CFR Part 11 compliant solution for this market. ABB will support the system with a range of maintenance agreements. In addition to the software, ABB Process Solutions will offer a tailored range of installation and validation consultancy services around the product. The full ABB / Wimmer Systems solution provides the client the benefits of fully validated spreadsheets for regulatory use, all supplied from regional ABB offices world-wide," says Peter Flinn, head of ABB Eutech Process Solutions.

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