

PRESS RELEASE**SOL Group strengthens itself in the home care sector in Spain.**

VIVISOL Iberica has been awarded a two-year tender worth approximately 9.6 million Euros, to serve approximately 13,500 patients in the area of the autonomous community of Catalonia.

The bodies responsible for Catalan public health (Catsalut, Consorci de Salut i social de Catalunya and Institut Catalan de la Salut) have concluded the process of awarding the Home Respiratory Therapies (HRT) service, within the geographical area of the autonomous community of Catalonia. Overall, the tender envisaged a duration of two years, with an initial contractual value estimated at approximately 100 million Euros, divided into No. 14 lots, of which No. 13 lots for about 120,000 adult patients and one lot for about 2,000 paediatric patients.

VIVISOL Iberica, a company entirely owned by SOL Group and operating in the home care sector, was awarded the regional lot for paediatric patients and, as regards adult patients, lots No. 5 and No. 9, relating to the hospitals of Llobregat, Sant Joan Despí Moisès Broggi, Santa Creu i Sant Pau and Dos de Maigalcunil, for a total value of approximately 9.6 million Euros, with a duration of two years, renewable, and to serve approximately 13,500 patients.

Marco Annoni, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SOL S.p.A. said: "This development will allow our Group to consolidate its presence in Spain, one of the most advanced and most rigorous markets in the home care sector in Europe. This experience will certainly contribute to improving our know-how and the level of services provided daily to our more than 550,000 patients throughout Europe and around the world".

Giulio Fumagalli Romario, Director of Vivisol Iberica, declared: "The award process that has just ended marks another important success in the context of the Group's presence in Spain, where VIVISOL is already present with over 130 collaborators and provides home care services to over 60,000 patients".

Claudio Garbellini, General Manager of home care activities and Deputy General Manager of SOL Group, added: "We are very honoured by the trust placed in us by pulmonologists and Catalan healthcare institutions, for a project on which we have worked for many years. This award represents an important milestone for the Group's presence in the Iberian Peninsula. We will support these activities with important investments, which will allow the creation of new jobs in the Catalan area, with the commitment to guarantee the high level of service that has always distinguished VIVISOL around the world".



SOL is an Italian multinational Group that operates in Europe, Turkey, Morocco, Brazil, India and China in two distinct main sectors: that of the production, applied research and marketing of technical, pure and medicinal gases (Technical Gases Division) and that of Home Medical Assistance (Home Care Division).

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