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Bangalore, Oct 25, 2010: Ecron Acunova, a leading clinical research organization (CRO) in India, launched its second facility, Functional Services Center in Bangalore, India. The center was dedicated by Prof Jagdish Sheth, leading thinker on marketing and strategy from Emory University, Atlanta, USA. This development center is part of the growth plans of the company in the area of medical and pharmacovigilance services. The launch will broaden Ecron Acunova's offering in drug safety services.

The center will employ 60 people initially, and will scale up to 200 people, over the next two years. The center is fully-compliant with 21 CFR part 11 regulations and tools such as Oracle ClinicalT, Remote Data Capture, SAST, WHO-DD, MedDRA, , nQuery Advisor, Winonlin, ARK, Oracle Adverse Event reporting system, which are used for reliability and reproducibility.

The Functional Services Center will focus on providing pharmacovigilance, drug safety and clinical development programs like protocol development, clinical study reports, narrative writing, clinical quality control services and post marketing surveillance.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr DA Prasanna, chairman & managing director, Ecron Acunova, said, "Ecron Acunova offers solutions according to our clients' needs without compromising quality. The launch of Functional Services Center will accelerate the growth of the company in this emerging area of safety and pharmacovigilance services. Our dedicated team of medical professionals will help our clients in developing risk assessment and safety management programs."

Presently Ecron Acunova offers end-to-end services comprising regulatory consulting, IP import and sample export, protocol design, ethics committee submissions, safety screening, and bio-analytical testing. Additionally, Ecron Acunova has proven expertise in clinical study management, method development and validation, data management with Oracle Clinical, PK analysis using WinNonlin, statistical analysis using SAS, and report writing, amongst others.

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