

Press Release

Eastar Launches Prostaglandin Product Line

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Eastar Chemical Corporation today announced the availability of a new line of prostaglandin F2 alpha series products, including both final prostaglandin products and various intermediates. The company produces the prostaglandins in cGMP manufacturing facilities located in China utilizing a new technology developed by its research scientists there. Eastar has applied for patents covering this new route, which provides access to the Prostaglandin F2 alpha series of molecules via more stable intermediates, enabling the company to significantly reduce production and handling costs.

“We are very excited about this new chemistry, especially because it is the first advance of this type coming out of China,” says Eastar President Tony Chu. “This new patented technology will provide a much more convenient and cost effective route to a number of drugs in development.” Several major pharma companies are already considering licensing the technology for their own drug development programs, according to Chu.

Eastar has had experience producing commercial quantities of prostaglandins since 2000. Latanoprost, a member of the F2-alpha series of prostaglandins, along with several derivatives and intermediates of both (5-trans and 15(S)-isomers, free acids, oxides, and hydroxy compounds) are now available from Eastar. The company also manufactures the Corey series of prostaglandins, including CoreyE-alpha, isomerically pure (-)-Corey acid, and racemic Corey acid.

Identification of potential new treatments based on prostaglandins is driving the increasing demand for these pharmaceutical compounds. Recent research has shown that these therapeutic agents successfully combat various devastating eyes diseases such as glaucoma and hypertension of the eye. Prostaglandins have also been found to be effective in treating gastric ulcers and are key drugs used during numerous obstetric and gynecological procedures. Interest in prostaglandins for veterinary applications is also growing.



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For more information about the prostaglandin products, toll/custom manufacturing services, and other pharmaceutical products available from Eastar Chemical Corporation, please visit the company website at www.eastarchem.com.

About Eastar Chemical Corporation: A California based company, Eastar Chemical Corporation is a custom / toll manufacturer offering both process development and chemical manufacturing services to the pharmaceutical, veterinary, agrochemical, specialty chemicals, specialty polymers, and other industries. With over 20 years of manufacturing experience in China, Eastar has fine tuned its own and partner production capabilities to provide a wide range of high quality, reliable, cGMP manufacturing and development services with an awareness of and focus on the maintenance of confidentiality and intellectual property rights. Eastar is committed to the principles of Responsible Care® and is a long standing member of SOCMA and DCAT.

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