

# Stevanato Group announces collaboration between Ompi and Westfor the supply of Ompi EZ-fill® Vials for West Ready Pack®

**Piombino Dese, Padua** — **April 12, 2018**- Stevanato Group, through Ompi, its specialist in glass primary packaging for the pharmaceutical industry, announces today the collaboration with West Pharmaceuticals, Inc (NYSE: WST), a global leader in innovative solutions for injectable drug containment and delivery, in which West will distribute Ompi EZ-fill® vials in North America. Ompi EZ-fill® vials, the clean, sterile, depyrogenated and ready to fill glass containers for pharmaceutical use will complement West Ready Pack®, the ready to use, sterile vial containment system.

The West Ready Pack® system comprises high-quality injectable packaging components, including NovaPure® stoppers and Flip-Off® seals. Ready Pack components are provided ready to use and sterile and are available for order from stock in low minimum order quantities, making them especially well-suited to R&D and other small-scale filling operations.

EZ-fill vials are available in a wide range of sizes that conform to the ISO standard. EZ-fill® trays and nests are designed to avoid glass-to-glass contact, mitigating the risk of breakage, cosmetic issues, and particulate generation. Validated to ship in quantities as low as a single carton, Ompi EZ-fill® vials offer a solution that can be extended from the clinical trial stage through industrialization.

**Andrea Zambon**, Marketing Director - Pharmaceutical Systems Division at Stevanato Group, said: "With EZ-fill® process technology, Ompi enjoys a unique market positioning in the ready-to-use glass primary packaging market. After becoming a platform being adopted by most of the glass components manufacturers, the agreement with West represents another milestone in EZ-fill's growth. EZ-fill® is the ideal ready-to-use glass container for small biotech, R&D Labs as well as large-scale filling lines".

"The collaboration with West reaffirms Stevanato Group's approach to offer comprehensive solutions, glass components and closures, to Pharmaceutical companies. Over the years, Ompi EZ-fill® has become the market reference in terms of ready-to-use process technology able to ease pharmaceutical and biotech business reducing their total cost of ownership. Our clients can benefit from a streamlined, easy and lean process as they can immediately fill the ready-to-use vials, now also complemented with West's well-established sterile ready-to-use closure system".

# **About Stevanato Group**

Founded in 1949, the Stevanato Group is the world's largest privately-owned designer and producer of glass parenteral packaging for the pharmaceutical industry. It comprises two

operational divisions dedicated to serving the pharmaceutical industry. The Pharmaceutical Systems division comprises Ompi, specializing in glass primary packaging, and Balda, focused on specialty plastics and delivery devices. The Engineering Systems division comprises Spami, Optrel, InnoScan and SVM, specializing in glass processing, inspection systems, assembly and packaging solutions. These two divisions enjoy a close, mutually supportive relationship, which ensures that Stevanato Group has complete control over the entire production process. The Group also benefits from the SG Lab activity that provides technical and analytical services on the potential interaction between drug and container.

## **About West**

West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of packaging components and delivery systems for injectable drugs and healthcare products. Working by the side of its customers from concept to patient, West creates products that promote the efficiency, reliability and safety of the world's pharmaceutical drug supply. West is headquartered in Exton, Pennsylvania, and supports its customers from locations in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. West's 2017 net sales of \$1.6 billion reflect the daily use of approximately 112 million of its components and devices, which are designed to improve the delivery of healthcare to patients around the world.

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