

PRESS RELEASE

Stryker to build a new manufacturing plant in La Chaux-de-Fonds

Stryker Spine, a Division of Stryker Corporation announces the creation of a new manufacturing plant in La Chaux-de-Fonds (Canton of Neuchâtel - Switzerland).

The 80,000 sq/ft plant will produce and distribute state-of-the-art implants for spinal applications. The construction of the new plant started in March 2005 and should be completed by October 2005. It is expected to provide approximately 150 new jobs over the next five years.

Stryker Corporation is a leader in the worldwide orthopaedic market and is one of the world's largest medical device companies. Stryker offers the most broadly-based range of orthopaedic products and has a significant presence in other medical specialties. The Company's products include joint replacements, trauma, spine and micro implant systems, orthobiologics, powered surgical instruments, surgical navigation systems and endoscopic products as well as patient handling and emergency medical equipment. Stryker also provides outpatient physical therapy services in the United States.

A valuable contribution to the canton of Neuchâtel

The State Council and Development Economic State of Neuchâtel (DEN) believe that this project represents an important and interesting element in the economic diversification of the canton. It will make a highly appreciated contribution to the development of the medical-technical cluster. State Councillor Bernard Soguel is pleased that it will bring with it medical research expertise and help restoring quality of life to spine patients worldwide.

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