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# Multi-Use Fluid Bed System Increases Flexibility and Decreases Downtime for Pharmaceutical Contract Manufacturer

**IBBENBÜREN, Germany.** (September 1, 2011) — Wiewelhove GmbH, a leading pharmaceutical contract manufacturer based in Ibbenbüren, Germany, needed to extend capacity quickly while expanding its services to capture more of a growing market. The company selected L.B. Bohle's BFS 240 multi-use fluid bed system, which offers high-efficiency granulating and drying, as well as many other advantages such as a compact design and one-step cleaning.

"We wanted a system that enabled increased flexibility with a broader range of functionality such as the ability to pelletize products in addition to drying," said Dr, Michael Beyer, director of production and engineering at Wiewelhove. "Additionally, the new system had to fit in the limited available floor space. Our goal was to perfectly integrate the new system into the existing environment."

To increase processing efficiencies, Wiewelhove required the granulator and dryer to be positioned compactly next to each other to ensure short product transport distance. "The BFS 240 was easy to integrate into our production premises, and there was no need for expensive modification," Dr. Beyer said.

The BFS 240 features tangential technology for drying, granulating, layering and coating applications; online moisture detection and particle size measurement with NIR technology; and contained discharging without process bowl removal. It is also 12-bar pressure shock-resistant, offers vacuum charging, and provides intuitive software for easy training and usage.

Overall, Wiewelhove has realized the following product benefits:

- Compact Design for easy integration into production facility;
- Comprehensive Functionality enabling a broad range of manufacturing techniques and increased customer satisfaction;
- One-Step Cleanup with one-level design for reduced downtime;
- Helpful Options such as the dry sieve to improve versatility; and,
- **Seamless Installation** with minimal staff training.

"Since installing LB Bohle's fluid bed system, we've conducted production tests and have determined that the new system has yielded excellent results in the final product quality," Dr. Beyer said.

# About L.B. Bohle LLC

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