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Technology fund supports ChromaCon AG, developer of innovative chromatography equipment that is both energy and cost-efficient

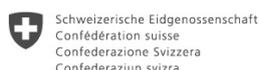
The managing company of the Swiss Technology Fund announces that the Federal Office for the Environment, FOEN granted another loan guarantee to an innovative Swiss SME: ChromaCon AG from Zurich.

ChromaCon AG develops and sells laboratory and industrial equipment with innovative processes for purifying high-quality materials using chromatography, primarily for the biopharmaceutical industry. The patented processes are unique worldwide and enable the separation of impurities within a continuous process thereby attaining significantly higher yields while using far less column materials and buffer solutions. Michael Bavand, CEO of ChromaCon AG, is pleased to receive a loan guarantee: „The guarantee of the technology fund backs the development and commercialization of our technology through to process-scale.”

Simone Riedel Riley, Managing Director of the Technology Fund, also emphasized the following aspect: „The company is active in a field with a promising future with an innovative product which makes processes much quicker and more efficient. Using ChromaCon products is always worthwhile since it cuts both costs and CO₂ emissions.”

Innovative SMEs, which are developing and marketing climate friendly technologies, can apply for a loan guarantee of up to CHF 3 million from the Technology Fund. The application form is available online at www.technologyfund.ch.

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The Technology Fund is an instrument of Swiss climate policy implemented by the Federal Office for the Environment, FOEN. The Fund grants loan guarantees to Swiss small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) which are developing and marketing innovative technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to use electrical energy more efficiently, to promote renewable energy or to protect the natural resources. www.technologyfund.ch and www.bafu.admin.ch/tech-fonds

ChromaCon AG

ChromaCon is a company that has been developing innovative and continuous processes for 10 years now and distributes them worldwide through chromatographic separating systems. Continuous processes enable huge increases in extraction potential with low energy consumption and can reduce production costs by up to 50%. ChromaCon's core business is currently the sale of continuous chromatographic separating systems for the biopharmaceutical industry. For manufacturing industrial systems, ChromaCon collaborates closely with its licensee, LEWA Process Industries (USA). www.chromacon.ch

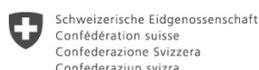
Emerald Technology Ventures

Emerald is a globally recognized investment firm in the areas of energy, water, advanced materials, agriculture and industrial IT. Founded in 2000, the company has raised three Venture Capital Funds, completed almost 60 venture investments, been a trusted partner for numerous multi-national corporations in their open innovation activities and managed three technology investment programs for third parties. From offices in Zurich, Switzerland and Toronto, Canada, Emerald has managed assets of over USD 660 million to date. www.emerald-ventures.com

South Pole Group

South Pole Group is a well-recognized sustainability solutions and service provider. The company specializes in the design and promotion of market mechanisms to fight climate change. Its expertise includes renewable energy, forestry, agriculture and water. The company's headquarter is located in Zurich/Switzerland, it runs 17 offices worldwide. South Pole Group has been awarded Best Project Developer by Environmental Finance in 2015 for the fifth consecutive year. www.thesouthpolegroup.com

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