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Two international awards for PASSIOLINE®, new cosmetic active ingredient from Laboratoires Expanscience



Courbevoie, 12 May 2017 ▪ Effectiveness and responsibility: the cosmetic industry awarded [PASSIOLINE®](#), new repairing and soothing cosmetic active ingredient from independent French pharmaceutical and dermo-cosmetics laboratory Expanscience, dual recognition.

During the latest *In-Cosmetics 2017* trade show (London), Expanscience won the “**GOLD Innovation Zone Best Ingredient Award**” which rewards the innovative features of its active ingredient for manufacturers and end-users. PASSIOLINE® also won an award at the *Supplier's Day 2017* trade show (New York City), the “**Sustainability Award**”, which rewards its development that respects both Mankind and the environment.

A concentrate of precious molecules of virgin Maracuja oil, PASSIOLINE® is developed from the maracuja seeds (*Passiflora edulis*) discarded by the Peruvian agro-food industry. These noble molecules are concentrated thanks to molecular distillation, exclusive expertise of Laboratoires Expanscience. By stimulating the biological markers involved in wound healing, PASSIOLINE® repairs, restructures and soothes weakened or damaged skin.

"These 2 awards recognize both our innovation expertise and our involvement in the eco-design of our active ingredients", explains Armelle Le Peniec, Director of the cosmetic active ingredient activity of Laboratoires Expanscience.

PASSIOLINE®: emblematic active ingredient of Expanscience's CSR initiative

Expanscience, member of the UEBT (Union for Ethical BioTrade) since 2011, has been deploying its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy for more than ten years. The latter was recognized as exemplary by AFAQ 26000 in 2013. Willing to provide quality active ingredients but also respect the principles laid down in the Nagoya Protocol (text entered

into force on 12 October 2014), Expanscience pre-empted these rules in 2010 by defining its own policy for responsible plant channels.



The key challenge for the company is to secure its supplies for the continuity and sustainability of both its customers as well as its partners. Expanscience, which acquired its historic partner Deshidratados Tropicales in Peru, controls the whole chain right up to the finished product, and has at its disposal all the action levers in favour of the commitments made within the framework of its **Better Living Program**.

This responsible channel enables it to maintain its supply of plant raw materials (avocado, maca, maracuja) and strengthen the traceability, quality and safety of its products while taking concrete actions to contribute to the development of the economic and social fabric of the local producers.

"These actions, in line with our CSR initiative, help protect the environment and encourage good farming practices inherited from the past.

Overall, an entire local economy is boosted through the act of buying plants and job creation. Passioline is the fruit of this ecosystem that we have carefully developed to offer the riches of this concentrate", concludes Armelle Le Peniec.

About Laboratoires Expanscience

Expanscience, independent French pharmaceutical and dermocosmetics laboratory, achieved a turnover of €274.7 million in 2016, of which 54.3% was generated internationally. Its reputation for seriousness, innovation and expertise in the treatment of osteoarthritis and the health of the skin is based notably on its leading brands, Piasclédine 300 and Mustela.

Key figures of Laboratoires Expanscience

- Date of creation: 1950
- Turnover in 2016: €274.7 million
- 90 distributor countries
- 14 subsidiaries
- 1,044 employees
- 71 million products manufactured in 2016
- Activities: Dermocosmetics, Dermatology, Rheumatology, Cosmetic active ingredients

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