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### HYGEIA GROUP: In Romania the second stem cell storage bank

Stem-Health S.A, announces the establishment of a new company in Romania for the collection of cord blood and the storage of stem cells. The new company with the name Stem-Health Unirea S.A. has two shareholders, the Greek company Stem-Health S.A. with 50% of the shares and the Romanian company Centrul Medical Unirea with 50% of the shares. This is the second stem cell storage bank established by the group Hygeia and Euroconsultants S.A. The first storage bank which is already operating in Greece, Stem-Health Hellas S.A., will play a central role in the transfer of know-how and the training of the personnel of Stem-Health Unirea S.A.

The laboratory of the company will be located within the diagnostic facilities of Centrul Medical Unirea in Bucharest. Stem-Health Unirea S.A. will offer the highest safety standards in the collection, processing and storage of cord blood stem cells. The protocols and all stem cell isolation, processing and storage procedures followed by Stem-Health Unirea come from New England Cord Blood Bank (NECBB), an internationally recognized stem cell bank, located in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Stem-Health Unirea intends to obtain certification from FACT-NetCord, an internationally acknowledged accreditation organization.

Stem-Health Unirea S.A. expects to be in full operation by early 2009.

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