

# Grace News

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## GRACE DAVISON OPENS CHROMATOGRAPHY MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN SURAT, INDIA

**COLUMBIA, MD** – April 6, 2007 – Grace Davison, an operating segment of W. R. Grace & Co. (NYSE: GRA), announces the opening of a new facility in Surat, India. Operations at the facility will focus on manufacturing the company's new GraceSmart™ HPLC columns and GracePure™ SPE cartridges for chromatography applications.

Several state-of-the-art quality processes have been implemented at the facility, including a customized robotic system to automate processes and guarantee consistent performance. International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certification is currently being pursued. About 10 employees are located onsite.

"The investment in a modern manufacturing center in Surat further demonstrates our commitment to India and to the Asia Pacific region," remarked Robert R. Gatte, Ph.D., Vice President and General Manager of Grace Davison Discovery Sciences. "This strategic manufacturing hub offers a compelling quality and value proposition allowing us to better service our customers' needs."

Development of the new facility follows Grace Davison's acquisition of Flexit Laboratories in November 2005. Grace Davison has acquired a number of chromatography businesses since 2001 to build its Discovery Sciences product line.

Chromatography is a technique used to separate mixtures of molecules into their individual constituents, frequently used in drug discovery and development applications. Grace Davison is a leading innovator, manufacturer and marketer of chromatography columns and instrumentation, as well as silica gel, a material used in many chromatographic processes.

The facility's address is:

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Surat Special Economic Zone  
Sachin, Surat Gujarat 394230  
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