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*Press releases: Signing Ceremony in Boston, Massachusetts*

*Friday 10 June 2022 at 17:00 – 18:00*

*Venue: Essex South Ballroom, 3rd floor, Westin Copley Place Hotel*

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#### **1. BRASSERIE DE L'ABBAYE DU VAL-DIEU – CRAFT BEER CELLAR**

Craft Beer Cellar is the craft beer bottle specialist ! They spend their lives in search of beers made in breweries just down the street or on the other side of the world. Val-Dieu is very proud to become partner and be present in the stores of this very dynamic beer craft company.

#### **2. BROUWERIJ DE HALVE MAAN – WETTEN IMPORTERS – ATLANTIC BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTOR**

**Wetten Importers, Brouwerij De Halve Maan to recognize high performing wholesalers, accounts in ceremonies before Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium**

CHANTILLY, VA – Wetten Importers, in tandem with its longest-tenured Belgian brewery, De Halve Maan of Bruges, Belgium, will recognize a reinvigoration of the Belgian beer category in the Northeast USA with a pair of ceremonies presided by Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium, Representative of His Majesty the King. These ceremonies will take place June 8, 2022 in New York City, NY and June 10, 2022 in Boston, MA and will feature contract signings between Wetten Importers distributor partners Remarkable Liquids of New York and Atlantic Beverage Distributors of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and Xavier Vanneste, the 5th generation owner of De Halve Maan.

There will also be a signing recognizing Suzanne Schalow and Kate Baker, founders of the Craft Beer Cellar family of retailers, for their decade-plus run of advocating for Belgian beer brands.

“After a tough few years for the craft beer industry – and even moreso the Belgian beer category – here in the US, we’ve been excited about the direction trends are headed. Particularly those in the Northeast,” Wetten Importers Eastern Regional Sales Manager Dean Myers said. “The hope here is that we can use the excitement of Xavier and Princess Astrid’s visit and the history of success of De Halve Maan’s beers and shine that light brightly on the entire Belgian import category.”

De Halve Maan, the most-visited brewery in Belgium and the brewery behind such noted brands as the Straffe Hendrik Quadrupel, top-rated-of-its-style Straffe Hendrik Tripel, and iconic Brugse Zot Blonde Ale, has been family owned and operated since 1856. The brewery, long known to drinkers of Belgian ales, received newfound praise and recognition starting in 2016 after the completion of its now-famous beer pipeline connecting its history Bruges



brewhouse with its modern packaging facility on the outskirts of the city. It's developments like this that have led to Vanneste's place as one of the most visible figures in Belgian brewing, with roles with both the Belgian Economic Mission and the Belgian Brewer's Federation.

On the distribution side, the wholesalers recognized here represent different ends of Wetten's network. Atlantic Beverage Distributors of Holliston, MA, stand as one of Wetten's longest-running wholesaler relationships and are recognized across New England as a powerhouse in the beer, wine and spirits markets. Meanwhile Remarkable Liquids, of Guilderland Center, NY, is one of Wetten's newest wholesalers and in have made headway in the craft beer market with a sizeable focus on import brands from around the world in addition to American craft.

"We all know IPAs and exciting local takes on international styles reign supreme in the States these days," Myers said. "But the excitement the teams at Remarkable Liquids and Atlantic Beverage Distributors have for the European breweries that have been doing this for centuries and in many cases inspired the local trends we're seeing play out across the country give us hope for a rediscovery of these fantastic beers."

Among the retailers foremost responsible for a rebound in the Belgian beer segment in the US are the Craft Beer Cellar franchises across the country. Founded in 2010 by Suzanne Schalow and Kate Baker with their flagship location in Belmont, MA, the Craft Beer Cellar locations spotlight not only the newest trends in American craft beer, but new developments as well as iconic releases from breweries abroad. So much so that a Brugse Zot flag from De Halve Maan flies at the flagship Belmont location year round.

While these signing ceremonies will be invite only, there will be public receptions built around the occasions at which Xavier Vanneste, Wetten Importers and its recognized distributor partners will be on hand to mingle. These will include the following evenings: June 8 at The Grand Delancey (81 Norfolk St, New York, NY); a De Halve Maan beer dinner June 9 at Trinktisch (87 Leonard St, Belmont, MA); and June 10 at The Publick House (1648 Beacon St, Brookline, MA).

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#### **4. BROUWERIJ VERHAEGHE-VICHTE – CRAFT BEER CELLAR**

The Belgium beer have always a special place and priority at Craft Beer Cellar.

Today Brewery Verhaeghe has the honor to become a partner for Craft Beer Cellar and they will be the best ambassador of the brewery on the US territory, this is the start of a mutual long and good cooperation

In fact, in concrete terms, Craft Beer Cellar is committed to stock beers from the Verhaeghe brewery present in the United States of America and distributing it in each of its locations.

#### **5. I-CARE – MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)**

##### **I-care Enters into Licensing Agreement with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**

**Boston, June 10, 2022 – I-care Group, a global leader in machine health, has signed a non-exclusive license agreement with U.S.-based Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for a group of MIT patents covering breakthrough machinery monitoring technology.**

The patents include algorithms that transform standard high speed photography into an advanced sensor array for machinery analysis. Previously, performing a structural analysis on a plant asset required days to complete. With this technology, superior analysis can be completed in minutes and in greater detail without even touching the machine.

Ben Detoer, CEO of I-care USA and representative of I-care Group: *“We are very proud and honored to sign this agreement with the renowned MIT and to benefit from their incredible technology. I-care helps industries around the world to be safer, more productive and more sustainable. We invest heavily in our R&D in order to keep improving our technology, products and services. Thanks to the MIT agreement, I-care will offer our clients even better technology: our teams will more quickly and easily identify the nature of defects on plant equipment and recommend appropriate corrective actions.”*

I-care monitors industrial equipment 24/7 in thousands of plants across the food, chemical, pharmaceutical, energy and materials sectors.



### About I-care Group

I-care Group is a world leader in machine health. Their AI- and data-driven solutions can predict industrial failures months or even years before they occur. Thanks to I-care, machines around the world are safer, more productive and more sustainable. Founded in Mons in 2004, the company has more than 600 employees and offices in 12 countries (Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific) with customers in more than 55 countries. I-care won the EY Company of the Year Award in 2020.

## **6. KANEKA EUROGENTEC – INOVIO**

### **Kaneka Eurogentec supports the manufacturing needs of INOVIO for its COVID-19 DNA vaccine candidates**

In 2020, Kaneka Eurogentec joined the global manufacturing consortium of INOVIO for the manufacturing of INO-4800, one of the DNA vaccine candidates developed by INOVIO against COVID-19.

#### **Large scale manufacturing needed**

Eurogentec is a leading company for small and large scales GMP biomanufacturing of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and starting materials for gene therapy, such as DNA and mRNA medicines and vaccines.

Eurogentec is the world's largest and most experienced DNA plasmid manufacturer. It is considered an important member of INOVIO's global manufacturing consortium supporting INOVIO's manufacturing plans to produce large scale of the DNA based vaccine – INO-4800. INOVIO is a biotechnology company focused on developing and commercializing DNA medicines to potentially treat and protect people from infectious diseases, cancer, and diseases associated with HPV. Inovio's DNA medicines are delivered using a proprietary smart device to produce immune response against targeted pathogens and cancers.

#### **INO-4800 under Phase 3 evaluation**

INO-4800 could be well-positioned as a primary vaccine as well as a booster. INO-4800 is undergoing WHO STV Phase 3 evaluation as a 2-dose regimen.

#### **INO-4800 A DNA vaccine candidate against current and future variants**

INO-4800 has demonstrated full maintenance and preservation of T cell responses against the ancestral COVID-19 virus and across all variants of concern (VOCs) tested to date, including Omicron.

The contract signed at the signing ceremony in Boston concerns production of material in support of INOVIO's manufacturing needs for DNA medicines including its COVID-19 vaccine candidate, which is currently in an ongoing WHO STV Phase 3 clinical trial. INOVIO is also planning Heterologous Booster trials for INO-4800.



## **7. OVINTO – DP WORLD**

“This MoU will allow us to offer a combined service to our customers, something they are actively looking for. Having to switch between applications and solutions from the moment you move a container from maritime to rail is inefficient and leads to human errors. An integrated, combined offer is an important improvement in the daily operations of logistics”, says Frederick Ronse of Ovinto.

“We are happy to work with Ovinto as a commercial partner to combine our software services to the customers we have in common.”, says Mike Bhaskaran, Group Chief Operating Officer Digital technology at DP World.

Ovinto is an add-on SaaS platform, filling the gaps of existing software for rail & intermodal freight. One of the gaps identified by rail freight actors is the need to compute their scope 3 emissions – i.e. the exact emissions per ton product caused by the delivery to their customers.

DP World is an multinational logistics company operating worldwide. It specialises in cargo logistics, port terminal operations, maritime services and free trade zones.