

Indiana Companies Converge on Bio 2008



Indiana companies are already trying to make their mark at the 2008 BIO International Convention in San Diego. Indianapolis-based Sentry Logistic Solutions is highlighting its temperature-controlled labeling, packaging and kitting services for the bio-pharmaceutical industry. The technology could help protect pharma companies from the cost of pharmaceutical recalls.

Sentry Logistic Solutions announced today that the company now offers temperature-controlled labeling, packaging and kitting services for the bio-pharmaceutical industry. Sentry adds controlled temperature On-Demand Services to its cGMP storage and distribution offerings. Sentry is highlighting these new capabilities at the Bio International Convention in San Diego on June 17-20, at booth #2730.

“Custom Finishing Services are an integral part of the pharmaceutical supply chain,” said Jennifer Marcum, Sentry’s chief executive officer. “Sentry has the facility, expertise and quality systems to offer these valuable services On-Demand, providing our clients with flexibility in finished product delivery while reducing freight costs and storage fees. The ultimate goal of On-Demand Services is to manage risk and eliminate unnecessary supply chain costs while maintaining or exceeding service levels.”

According to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, five of the top ten reasons for pharmaceutical recalls include miscellaneous cGMP deviations, impurities in or degradation of products, lack of product stability, labeling errors on declared strength, and incorrect products in cartons or packages. Although the exact cost of these issues

is unknown, reports indicate that the pharmaceutical industry spends billions annually to rectify these issues. Because Sentry offers a cGMP, validated storage facility and inventory management system, Good Manufacturing Practices are ensured, expiration dates are managed and tracked, product integrity is maintained, and labeling or re-labeling can be accurately executed to prevent costly errors.

Sentry’s On-Demand finishing services can be executed within validated temperature environments to reduce or eliminate time-out-of-temperature. Benefits of this program include decreased product risk, improved quality control, and enhanced product integrity throughout the supply chain.

Highlights and benefits of Sentry’s temperature-controlled, value-added services include:

- **Labeling:** Custom labeling and re-labeling support for clinical and batch commercial applications are available. Sentry employs quality-controlled procedures in a designated work space, total label operation accountability (line clearance), and dose and container flexibility.

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- **Packaging:** Sentry provides custom and pre-qualified packaging (external and internal) solutions that mitigate transport impact and agitation risk. Temperature-specific work zones reduce or eliminate product time-out-of-temperature.
- **Kitting:** Offering can reduce freight and storage costs by storing bulk products and kitting as required. Sentry can perform expiration management of individual kit components.

About Sentry Logistic Solutions

Sentry Logistic Solutions is one of the few cGMP temperature-controlled storage and third party logistics (3PL) providers in the United States to exclusively serve the global pharmaceutical, biotechnology and health care industries. Its facilities, infrastructure and services are specifically designed to meet the warehousing, kitting, packaging, labeling and logistics needs of pharma and biotech firms, health care providers and suppliers, contract research organizations (CROs), contract manufacturing organizations (CMOs), wholesalers, distributors and government entities.

Sentry's management team offers expertise in cold chain storage and logistics, quality assurance, pharmaceutical packaging and kitting development. Sentry also offers strategic solutions for domestic and international transportation and logistics as well as end-to-end import and export management. The company's validated processes and inventory tracking systems are FDA compliant, adhere to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and comply with stringent standard operating procedures (SOP) outlined in Sentry's Validation Master Plan. Sentry is VAWD[®] accredited, which ensures its storage, handling and distribution methods meet the recognized guidelines of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy[®]. The company is privately held and strategically headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind. in a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ). Sentry's FTZ service fully integrates with the company's other offerings and provides its clients with significant financial advantages and supply chain efficiencies. For more information about the company, visit Sentry at the Bio International Convention in San Diego on June 17-20 at booth #2730, visit www.SentryLogistic.com, or call (866) 757-7400. ■