**PRESS RELEASE**

**Antares Vision Group Completes First Phase**

**of Comprehensive Product Serialization Implementation**

**for Cosmeceuticals Provider, Episciences, Inc.**

***Sophisticated system from ACSIS, an Antares Vision Group business unit,***

***provides enhanced supply chain visibility while deterring gray market diversion.***

*Travagliato, Italy –* **Antares Vision Group** – a technological partner in the digitalization of products and supply chains for companies and institutions, and leader in traceability and inspection for quality control – has implemented the initial phase of a robust traceability solution for cosmeceutical skin care solutions provider **Episciences, Inc.** Addressing needs for enhanced supply chain visibility amid substantial gray market diversion challenges, the sophisticated track & trace system was developed by **ACSIS**, a business unit of Antares Vision Group providing seamless serialization solutions.

Based in Boise, ID, Episciences, Inc. is the exclusive manufacturer and distributor of the Epionce skin care line. Sold through the medical channel, clinically proven Epionce products are produced in an FDA-inspected drug manufacturing facility. Notably, Epionce skin care was the first skin care line on the market to be focused on the health of the skin barrier. Its products are sold throughout the United States, as well as internationally.

Given the high value, high-leverage nature of its products, Episciences found itself particularly susceptible to gray market diversion. In part due to its sheer product breadth – the company manufactures more than several dozen unique offerings – conventional serialization solutions struggled to provide an adequate end-to-end solution. Printability, coding recognition, and false rejects were particularly vexing issues.

The ACSIS Serialization Management solution manages, applies and captures serialization data at the unit, bundle, carton and pallet level, providing manufacturers with the data needed to achieve compliance with evolving government mandates and regulations around product traceability. In doing so, the solution provides seamless integration with enterprise systems such as ERP, MES and serialization repositories, as well as line-level equipment like vision technologies, printing components and packaging automation modules.

Along with robust serialization functionality, the Serialization Management solution can also capture user-defined product attributes at the point of serialization, yielding useful insights to help optimize various points along the value chain. Notably, ACSIS’ user-friendly architecture makes defining and changing data collection parameters efficient and intuitive.

At Episciences’ plant, ACSIS’ Serialization Management system operates on two packaging lines. Its software manages the vision systems, printers, and barcode readers necessary to verify and capture product serial numbers. The system is also the primary user interface for product selection and serialization verification data entry.

Especially important given its broad range of Epionce products, Episciences was able to integrate ACSIS’ Serialization Management system without the hassle and cost of modifying existing secondary packaging artwork or labeling procedures to prioritize barcode placement. This ability to retain its existing carton surface composition exemplifies the disruption-free nature of the overall system.

“The system ACSIS employed for our Epionce products is both highly customized and essentially turnkey, with bare minimum ramp-up and training required,” said Ron Hope, General Manager of Manufacturing & Distribution for Episciences, Inc. “Critically for a manufacturer with a diverse array of products, initiating new SKUs is a smooth process that doesn’t delay the inception of commercial-scale production.”

“The ACSIS solution is the foundation that Episcinces is using to build a full end to end supply chain tracability platform,” said John DiPalo, Chief Strategy Officer at ACSIS. “By leverging the complete ACSIS solution, Episciences can track product from packaging through distribution and across the extended supply chain.”

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**About ACSIS**

For over 25 years, ACSIS has delivered innovative supply chain execution solutions with actionable results to valued customers such as The Coca-Cola Company, DuPont, The Hershey Company, AmerisourceBergen, Cintas, Ashland, and more. ACSIS traceability solutions for the extended supply chain provide a real-time view of supply chain execution – connecting legacy systems, partner networks, and assets for better insight and smarter forecasting. For more info, visit [www.acsisinc.com](http://www.acsisinc.com).

**About Antares Vision Group**

Antares Vision Group is driving digitalization of products and supply chains by leading traceability, inspection, and integrated data management. AV Group helps companies and institutions to achieve safety, quality, efficiency, and sustainability, enabling Trustparency®.

DIAMIND, AV Group’s integrated ecosystem of solutions, simplifies the technology environment and supports business growth by enabling a data-driven and tailored journey to digital innovation. Connecting physical products with digital identities, DIAMIND runs at the line, factory, warehouse, enterprise, and supply chain levels and guarantees product quality (inspection systems and equipment) and end-to-end traceability (from raw materials to production, from distribution to the consumer and back) through integrated data management, applying artificial intelligence and potentially blockchain.

AV Group operates in the Life Science (pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and hospitals), Beverage, Food, Cosmetics, Chemicals, and Packaging industries and potentially many others.

AV Group has been listed in STAR segment of Euronext since 14 May 2021. It has been included in the Euronext Tech Leaders index, dedicated to leading tech companies with high growth potential, since July 2022.

In 2022, Antares Vision Group recorded a turnover of €223 million. The Group operates in 60 countries, employs over 1,300 people, and has a consolidated network of over 40 international partners.