

## Image Overview:

### Innovation I – Transdermal Therapeutic Systems as a Growth Market

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tesa AG, Hamburg, has acquired Labtec Gesellschaft für technologische Forschung und Entwicklung mbH. Since November 2008, the company, based in the town of Langenfeld in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, has been operating as a wholly owned subsidiary of tesa AG.

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#### Labtec lab

Today, Labtec GmbH performs research and development work as well as contract development work for a number of companies in the pharmaceuticals industry. The team is made up of 30 highly trained employees, most of them with natural science backgrounds.

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#### Transdermal therapeutic systems

Labtec has come to specialize in fields including patches capable of delivering medications. A transdermal therapeutic system (TTS) delivers an active ingredient through the skin, where it penetrates to the underlying tissue and the blood vessels. Experts expect double-digit growth rates for the overall TTS market.