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Bangalore: France-based Roquette Frères and India-based Evolva achieved the milestone in their collaboration in the development of novel and optimized biosynthetic production routes for an ingredient with important applications in food products.

Roquette will now make a milestone payment to Evolva, as the first major target in the project has been achieved. The collaboration, which was announced in January 2012, has defined several targets to measure the progress of the project, including yield and production hosts.

Dr Thierry Marcel, director, corporate R&D, Roquette, said that, "We have been working with Evolva's team of scientists for nine months now and we are impressed with their progress to date. It confirms our belief that Evolva's technology will provide new impulses in our search for innovative products and improved production processes. Ultimately these efforts are aimed at strengthening our leading position in providing high quality ingredients in a sustainable manner from renewable resources"

"Evolva uses biosynthetic and evolutionary technologies to create and optimize small molecule compounds and their production routes. They are active in consumer healthcare and nutrition as well as in pharma. In both areas we have partnered projects as well as proprietary programmes," he added.

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