isw group, inc.

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National Institutes of Health Commercialization Assistance Program (NIH-CAP)

Company Profile

Industry Sector: Pharmaceuticals Sub-Sector: Topical Therapeutics

Company Overview: ISW Group, Inc. is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on researching and developing FDA-approved topical dermatological products. ISW Group's lead product is for the treatment of Pseudofolliculitis Barbae (PFB), an inflammatory skin condition that produces painful, pruitic, and sometimes hyper-pigmented papules and pustules. This unsightly condition can affect consumers' self-esteem and disproportionately affects African American and Latino males. First Line Responders are especially susceptible to the consequences of PFB because skin lesions on the face and neck can interfere with gas mask seals and can be an open portal for chemical and biological agents. ISW Group is a privately-held St. Louis-based company founded in 2001.

Target Market(s): Consumer market (Rx, OTC for shaving population), First Line Responders

Key Value Drivers

Technology*: ISW Group is developing a patented technology that delivers a therapeutically effective dose of drug to skin targets. The company has expanded its portfolio through a worldwide patent strategy comprised of national filings in Paris Convention Treaty (PCT) countries and selected non-PCT countries.

Competitive Advantage: Currently, there are no FDA-approved prescriptions or over-the-counter topical pharmaceuticals products with an indication for PFB. Clinical trials have demonstrated the safety and efficacy of ISW Group's lead product in treating PFB.

Plan & Strategy: ISW Group plans to continue pursuing development efforts with National Institutes of Health and private funding sources. In addition, ISW Group seeks to partner with a large pharmaceutical/consumer products company that can realize the mass market potential of ISW's lead and future products.

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Management

Leadership:

Monique Spann-Wade, M.B.A., President & CEO

George Lukas, Ph.D., Research & Development

Joyce Divine, Ph.D., M.B.A., Research & Development and Project Management

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Patricia Frank, Ph.D., Toxicologist

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Annette Jacobs, C.P.A., M.B.A., Controller

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Product Development

PFB Product (Lead Product)

Atopic Dermatitis
Product

Rosacea Product

Burn Product

Preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III