

1 June 2009

NEWS RELEASE

Innomech appoints pharmaceutical industry expert from TAP

Dr Peter Woods – an acknowledged expert in the development of advanced automation for the pharmaceutical industry – has been appointed by GB Innomech (Innomech) to help accelerate the company's penetration into the pharmaceutical, medical device and environmental sectors.

He joins as engineering and programme manager with immediate effect, taking overall charge of Innomech's project teams and will further boost the company's existing expertise in developing automated, high-speed systems involved in the manufacture and testing of sophisticated new products and devices. Before joining Innomech, Dr Woods was product development manager at The Automation Partnership (TAP) and a driving force behind many of its top-selling products and systems.

"Peter is a significant addition to our senior engineering team. He has first-class problem solving and project management skills and has helped many of the world's big brand pharmaceutical and biotech companies to use automation to reduce their costs, while driving up quality and productivity," said Steve Robertson, operations director at Innomech.

Dr Woods has spent the bulk of his career focused on pharmaceutical automation and in 2008 was named as one of four finalists for the UK's biggest engineering prize: The MacRobert Award from The Royal Academy of Engineering. He was short-listed for his pioneering work on the Polar system for UK Biobank.

Peter has a PhD from University of Manchester; a first degree in physics from University of Bristol and started his industrial career developing image analysis systems for automotive production lines in Germany.

... continued

Notes to editors:

About Polar

Polar is a novel robotic system that was specifically created for UK Biobank, a major UK medical research programme. The system is designed to keep 10 million human blood and urine samples at a steady -80° C for 25 years but at the same time to allow any sample to be instantly retrieved for laboratory analysis or further testing at any time.

For further information on UK Biobank please see www.ukbiobank.ac.uk

About GB Innomech

GB Innomech (Innomech) specialises in automating highly complex or labour-intensive manufacturing processes to maximise outputs, improve product quality and boost business performance. The company works with major international manufacturers in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, medical devices, aerospace, automotive and FMCG, as well as earlier-stage businesses looking to bring breakthrough technologies or products to market.

Innomech has a growing market reputation for solving the toughest of manufacturing problems by cross-fertilising technologies and techniques from a range of industry sectors. All projects from initial feasibility studies through to building production-scale machines are conducted to high specification pharmaceutical industry standards and are designed to meet TickIT, FDA, GAMP and other international standards. The company was founded in 1990 and is based at The Innovation Centre in Witchford, north of Cambridge.

For additional information please visit or contact:

- www.innomech.co.uk
- Press enquiries to Simon McKay on +44 (0)1353 741075 or email to simonmckay@innomech.co.uk
- Sales and all other enquiries to Steve Robertson at Innomech on +44 (0)1353 667394

Photographs

A print quality JPEG of the image below has been sent as a separate file attached to the original email or is also available on request from Simon McKay (details above):



Dr Peter Woods has joined GB Innomech as engineering and programme manager and will further boost the company's expertise in developing automated, high speed manufacturing systems for pharmaceutical, medical device and environmental products.

ENDS