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Innomech celebrates export sales success at Queen's Award presentation

Staff at GB Innomech (Innomech) - a company specialising in the development of advanced automation systems for the pharmaceutical, medical device and environmental sectors - joined with customers, suppliers and other guests at a special event today to celebrate the company receiving The Queen's Award for Enterprise 2009.

The event opened with a tour of The Innovation Centre - Innomech's headquarters which landed three awards for its environmentally-friendly design when it was completed five years ago - followed by a speech from Mr Hugh Duberly CBE, Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire. Mr Duberly praised the company for its sustained growth in international trade, for winning the highest award that can be given to any UK business and then, as The Queen's official representative, presented a special lead crystal bowl to David Beale, Innomech's chairman and founder.

Steve Robertson, managing director said: "The Queen's Award is the direct result of everyone working closely with our customers and suppliers in developing breakthrough performance equipment and to provide excellent after-sales support. Today's event has been the perfect opportunity to say 'thank you'."

Innomech specialises in automating highly complex and labour-intensive manufacturing, inspection and testing processes in production plants to improve quality, increase throughput and reduce costs. The company works with multiple technologies but has particular expertise in precision powder handling and dispensing, widely used in the pharmaceutical industry as well as many other sectors. In addition to build and supply, the team at Ely-based Innomech provides full installation, on-site training, testing and support to customers across the world. The US and Japan are major markets and the company has recently started installing systems in China, Taiwan and India.

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Innomech first announced that it had won the Queen's Award in April but wanted to wait until the summer before hosting an event for all staff and invited guests. The award recognised the company's contribution and growth in international trade but also considered its role within the local community, environmental impact and the quality of its relationships with suppliers, partners, employees and customers.

Notes to Editors

About GB Innomech

GB Innomech (Innomech) specialises in automating highly complex and 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 the early identification and management of risk, often 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 comply with GAMP5, FDA and other international standards. The company was founded in 1990 and is based at The Innovation Centre in Witchford, north of Cambridge.

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From left to right:

Julie Dean, director; David Beale, chairman and founder; and Steve Robertson, MD - all from Innomech – are shown here with the special lead crystal bowl for The Queen's Award for Enterprise 2009. The award was presented to the company by Mr Hugh Duberly CBE, Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire as part of a special event on Friday 17 July.

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