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NEWS RELEASE

Innomech celebrates 8 year partnership with Capsugel®

GB Innomech (Innomech) is today celebrating the eighth anniversary of a successful commercial partnership with Capsugel® that started with a one-off requirement to build a precision powder micro-dosing system for the pharmaceutical industry.

Innomech was first appointed in 2001 to advise on and help develop a commercial machine based on the Xcelodose patented proprietary micro-dosing technology and system concepts. The first Xcelodose® Precision Powder Micro-dosing Systems proved so successful that the company was retained to build and install further units.

Capsugel's patented Xcelodose system is now used routinely by most major pharmaceutical companies and contract research organisations to automatically fill capsules with pure pharmaceutical powders for use in clinical trials or for small-scale production. In addition to offering repeat build, Innomech now provides full installation, on-site training, testing and after-sales support for the Xcelodose system.

"GB Innomech is an important part of Capsugel's global operation and has built, installed and supports multiple Xcelodose systems across the world. Innomech's dedicated Xcelodose System Factory Support team, system development skills and specialist knowledge of pharmaceutical automation have been invaluable in helping establish the Xcelodose system as a market winner and establishing solid relationships with our customers" said David Edwards, Director of Pharmaceutical Technology at Capsugel.

In addition to providing a complete factory support service, Innomech has helped improve the performance and production efficiency of the Xcelodose system and contributed to increasing the range of accessories and parts offered to Capsugel's Xcelodose system customers. In 2008, Capsugel briefed Innomech to devise a high performance flow hood to safely enclose the Xcelodose system specifically for potent drug handling. Innomech designed Capsugel's Xcelohood™ Containment System from first principles to meet an exacting specification, yet it is easy to set up, use and maintain and the whole cabinet can be relocated within minutes if required.

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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 and environmental, 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, is based at The Innovation Centre in Witchford, north of Cambridge and was awarded The Queen's Award for Enterprise 2009 to recognise its sustained growth in international markets.

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About Capsugel and the Xcelodose System

Capsugel, the world's leading provider of dosage form solutions to the pharmaceutical and related healthcare industries. Offering a diverse array of products and services, Capsugel is at the forefront of drug delivery innovation. Capsugel's capsule-filling equipment includes the CFS 1200 Liquid Filling and Sealing System and the Xcelodose[®] S Precision Powder Micro-dosing System. Both utilise advanced technology that can better enable R&D scientists to accelerate the pace of drug development.

The Xcelodose system is unique in being able to precisely fill capsules with micro quantities of pure active pharmaceutical ingredients. It can immediately cut costs, shorten drug development timescales and allow first clinical trials to be started earlier. Before the Xcelodose system was introduced, companies used to have to blend small quantities of new drug candidates with bulking agents (or excipients) making them easier to handle and weigh out by hand. But time-consuming formulation and stability studies, often taking three months or more, were then needed before any clinical studies could be started.

The Xcelodose system precision micro-dosing technology, combined with sophisticated software and a highly accurate balance, can easily and accurately handle quantities of pure materials as low as 100 micrograms. The system records each capsule's weight to the nearest one microgram and all capsule filling and data tracking operations are handled automatically.

Capsugel is a division of Pfizer Inc. Xcelodose[®] Precision Power Micro-dosing System and Xcelohood[™] Containment System are registered trademarks of Capsugel[®].

For additional information about Capsugel or the Xcelodose system please visit or contact:

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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):



GB Innomech now builds, installs and supports multiple Xcelodose systems across the world. The image shows the company's Xcelodose Factory Support team comprising from L to R: Chris Adamson, Michael Waite, Mark Belam, Matt Rowney, Andrew Beacham and Stephen Stokes. Julie Dean, Xcelodose business director at Innomech is not shown.

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