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Innomech celebrates 21st birthday

Ely-based GB Innomech (Innomech) – which specialises in the design and development of advanced automation systems to improve manufacturing efficiency and costs – has celebrated 21 years of business success this week with a dinner for staff and their partners at Queens' College, Cambridge.

“Everyone at tonight’s celebration has played a key role in bringing Innomech to where it is today. Our engineering, operations, commercial and management teams have never been stronger; in 2009 we secured The Queen’s Award for Enterprise for international trade; and we are extremely well positioned to make 2011 a record year for the business,” said David Beale, technical director and business founder.

Innomech specialises in automating highly complex and labour-intensive manufacturing processes and works predominantly in the pharmaceutical, medical device and environmental sectors. However when the business started in 1990 the company’s first project was to design a one-off system for British Aerospace [now BAE Systems] that could uniquely laser mark electrical cables without damaging the outer sheath. Today, the company regularly uses a number of core technologies to provide its solutions, including laser marking and cutting, robotics, vision systems and weighing and dosing.

Whilst still designing these one-off systems for use in R&D and production environments and providing repeat builds when required, Innomech also offers a full factory support service. This unique approach, used by Capsugel and other international companies, allows clients to focus on the sales and marketing of their products while Innomech takes full responsibility for the on-going build of multiple units, as well as installation, fulfilling customer service agreements and on-going support.

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The company is still based at Witchford, near Ely where it started life in a single industrial unit, although it now operates from The Innovation Centre, its own dedicated headquarters. The building was designed by Innomech's own engineers to incorporate the very latest energy-saving technologies plus on-site water harvesting and sewage treatment and secured three awards for its environmentally-friendly design when it opened in 2004.

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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Photographs

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Innomech's directors toast 21 years of business success for the Ely-based automation company this week. The picture shows (from left): Tim Mead, commercial director; Julie Dean, director; Steve Robertson, managing director; and David Beale, technical director and company founder.

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