innomech
Automation Solutions

15 August 2011   **NEWS RELEASE**

Innomech signs as ABB Robotics partner for next generation automation

GB Innomech (Innomech) has joined ABB Robotics global partner network with plans to integrate ABB's high-performance robots into a new generation of flexible automated manufacturing systems. Innomech helps automate critical manufacturing and quality control processes for its clients and works in multiple sectors including pharmaceuticals, medical devices, automotive and food.

"Innomech is a highly-skilled system integrator and we are delighted to add a company with their credentials to our partner network," said Alan Spreckley, UK channel partner manager at ABB Robotics. "Innomech has years of experience in analysing complex manufacturing problems and developing cost-effective ways to automate even the most sophisticated or labour-intensive product testing and assembly processes."

Several Innomech engineers will now undergo more detailed technical training on ABB robots, which are known for their exceptional motion control, high speeds and ability to process multiple tasks. The two companies will also work together on a joint business development programme to help raise awareness of the commercial benefits of flexible robotics in specific manufacturing sectors.

The UK demand for flexible, lower cost and more automated manufacturing is growing rapidly as companies struggle to find ways to remain cost competitive in a global economy, while also ensuring consistent compliance with rigorous quality standards. Robot-based automation offers exceptional performance for the price and is enabling even the smallest manufacturers to automate critical steps in their production lines: the robots can handle multiple tasks, are not dedicated to one product and can be very easily reprogrammed without their operators requiring any detailed programming knowledge.

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.

For additional information about GB Innomech 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
- All other enquiries to Tim Mead at Innomech on +44 (0)1353 667394

About ABB Robotics

ABB Robotics – part of the ABB Group of companies – is a leading supplier of industrial robots, modular manufacturing systems and service. A strong solutions focus helps manufacturers improve productivity, product quality and worker safety. ABB has installed more than 190,000 robots worldwide and in applications ranging from high volume consumer electronics manufacture through to materials handling, finishing, packing and palletizing in the wood industry.

The company's UK offices are in Milton Keynes. For further information please see www.abb.com/robotics

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):

ENDS