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Innomech appoints Peter Woods to lead medical device manufacturing division

GB Innomech (Innomech) has appointed Dr Peter Woods - an acknowledged expert in pharmaceutical automation and currently programme manager with the company - to take charge of one of its three business divisions: developing automated manufacturing systems for the assembly and test of medical devices.

In his new role, Peter will lead a multi-disciplinary team to design and build automation equipment for developers and manufacturers of products such as drug delivery pens, contact lenses, diagnostic kits and surgical instrumentation. Innomech offers everything from feasibility studies through to large-scale system build and every system is developed in parallel with a detailed validation document package to enable fast and low cost regulatory compliance. The company's track record includes developing equipment for most of the world's top pharmaceutical companies, as well as many early-stage technology businesses looking to bring first products to market.

"Peter is the perfect person to develop Innomech's profile and sales in healthcare and also to consider opportunities in other sectors, such as food production and aerospace components that could benefit from our expertise in working to pharmaceutical industry standards. He is also particularly skilled in system analysis and performance validation, which is vital in helping companies to avoid the costly and time-consuming manufacturing issues that can occur when developing new medical devices and equipment," said Tim Mead, commercial director at Innomech.

Peter first joined Innomech in 2009 and has helped many global pharmaceutical and biotech companies to use automation to reduce costs, while driving up quality and productivity. He has a PhD from University of Manchester and in 2008 was named as a member of one of the four finalist teams shortlisted for The MacRobert Award, from The Royal Academy of Engineering for his pioneering work on the Polar system for UK Biobank.

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Innomech's two other business streams are: advising on and developing advanced automated manufacturing equipment for sectors such as automotive, aerospace and cleantech; and offering contract manufacturing for high value, complex electromechanical products, including system installation and on-going product support where required.

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

Print quality JPEGs of the images below have been sent attached to the original email or are also available on request from Simon McKay (details above). Additional images are also available:



- 1 Dr Peter Woods has been appointed to lead the medical manufacturing division at GB Innomech and is shown here next to one of the company's latest manufacturing systems for the fully automated assembly and test of a new medical device.



- 2 In his new role at GB Innomed, Dr Peter Woods [shown above] will lead a multi-disciplinary team to design and build automation equipment for developers and manufacturers of medical devices such as drug delivery pens, contact lenses and surgical instrumentation.



- 3 In addition to his current role as programme manager at GB Innomed, Dr Peter Woods will now lead the company's medical device manufacturing division.

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