



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Eden Biodesign short-listed for prestigious Best of British Industry Awards**

Eden Biodesign, a leading provider of product development and manufacturing services for the biopharmaceutical industry is delighted to announce it has been short-listed for the prestigious accolade of Small Industrial Company of the Year, one of the hotly contended categories within *The Sunday Times* Best of British Industry Awards.

The Awards are a key benchmark against which the UK's finest and most innovative companies are judged. Dr Crawford Brown, Chief Executive of Eden Biodesign said: "We are extremely proud to be nominated in the category of Small Industrial Company of the Year and honestly believe that we can become a very commercially successful British company in time- working with clients around the globe. This nomination is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff who have played a key role in making Eden Biodesign the success that it is."

Eden Biodesign operates the state of the art National Biomanufacturing Centre (NBC), a £34.25 million initiative developed and owned by the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA).

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## **Notes to editors:**

### **Eden Biodesign**

Eden Biodesign is a successful international biopharmaceutical development and manufacturing services business that provides 'state of the art' development and manufacturing services to biotech clients across Europe, the USA and Asia. It promises all clients a committed service plus the knowledge and expertise to guide clients through process development, manufacturing, regulatory and technology transfer challenges.

The company uses the principles of 'Good Science' at every step of biopharmaceutical development to design programmes and processes that deliver clinically and commercially valuable products, with an accomplished and attentive level of project management that clients need.

Although the NBC was officially opened on 1 November 2006, Eden Biodesign has been operating at the NBC since the beginning of this year, working with clients including SR Pharma, Onyvax, Liverpool University and Aquapharm.

### **The National Biomanufacturing Centre**

The £34.25 million National Biomanufacturing Centre is a Government-funded initiative led by the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA) additionally funded through the European Regional Development Fund and the Department of Trade and Industry and aims to establish England's Northwest as one of the foremost biomanufacturing centres in Europe.

The centre provides the expertise and facilities to support new and existing biotechnology companies, offering product development services designed to fill in the skill and resource gaps that exist within these organisations. It also provides training in biomanufacturing and analytical sciences, delivering the skilled workforce required to expand the UK biopharmaceutical sector.

There is also an Access Fund of nearly £3 million which is available to qualifying small-to-medium companies and academic groups in the biotechnology sector to assist them in purchasing development and clinical manufacturing services from the Centre.