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Eden Biodesign appoints new operations director

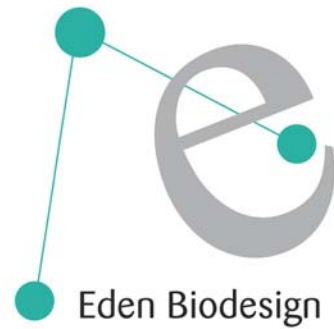
Biopharmaceutical development and manufacturing specialist Eden Biodesign announced today the appointment of David Carrick as Operations Director. David will be responsible for production, facility management, engineering and technology transfer at the National Biomanufacturing Centre in Speke, Liverpool. David's appointment completes the strengthening of Eden's executive team during 2005 in preparation for the NBC coming on line early in 2006.

A graduate of Birmingham University, David has worked for 25 years in the healthcare industry in a range of roles including process R&D, manufacturing and programme management, working for a number of blue chip pharma companies. More recently, David has spent the last three years as head of programme management at Avecia Biologics, one of Europe's largest contract manufacturers of biological molecules.

Eden Biodesign was appointed by the Northwest Regional Development Agency to run the National Biomanufacturing Centre, a £34.25m initiative that is set to become Europe's leading biopharmaceutical design centre.

With a client base of over 70 biotech organisations, Eden Biodesign specialises in overcoming technical, regulatory and logistical hurdles, speeding up biopharmaceutical development timelines and reducing cost.

Crawford Brown, Chief Executive of Eden Biodesign, welcomed the appointment of David Carrick to the team. He said: "A wide range of expertise is core to Eden Biodesign's work at the National Biomanufacturing Centre and our knowledge of successfully developing new biotech medicines, including the understanding of biomanufacturing processes from inception to market place, distinguishes us from our competitors. The addition of David Carrick highlights our drive to be number one



in the market place by understanding our clients' needs and providing best practice process development and clinical manufacturing services.”

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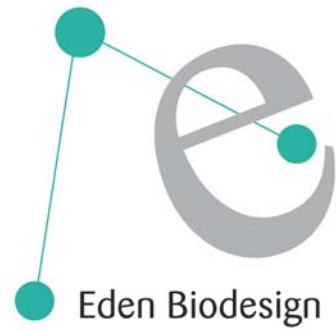
The £34.25 million National Biomanufacturing Centre, which is due to open early in 2006, is a Government-funded initiative led by the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA) additionally funded through the European Regional Development Fund and the Department of Trade and Industry and aims to establish England's Northwest as one of the foremost biomanufacturing centres in Europe.

The centre will provide 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 will also provide 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.

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. Eden Biodesign has been awarded the contract to operate the UK National Biomanufacturing Centre, currently under construction in Liverpool.

Eden Biodesign 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.