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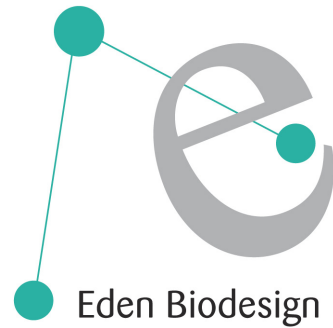
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Eden Biodesign steps up recruitment drive with new management appointment

Biopharmaceutical development and manufacturing specialist Eden Biodesign announced today the appointment of Tamara Tugal as Business Development Manager. Tamara will help build the strategic business development of Eden Biodesign and will use her scientific and business experience to build relationships with academics and SMEs as potential new clients at the National Biomanufacturing Centre (NBC) in Speke, Liverpool. Tamara's appointment further strengthens Eden's management team following the opening of the NBC earlier this year.

A graduate of the University of Edinburgh with a PhD in Biochemistry, Tamara completed her MBA at the London Business School in 2004. Over the last twelve years, Tamara has worked in the healthcare industry in a range of roles including research, in-licensing, project management and latterly sales and marketing, moving from Cancer Research UK to Lorantis in 2000. Lorantis appointed Tamara as Business Development Manager in 2004.

Tamara said "Working for Eden Biodesign is rewarding because we are making things happen; we offer that rare combination of world-class expertise and customer focus that is essential for the successful commercialisation of new innovative medicines. Eden Biodesign is rapidly becoming the partner of choice for the biotech sector, and over the next few years we will be instrumental in getting many new medicines out of the research labs and into the clinic."



Eden Biodesign now runs the state of the art National Biomanufacturing Centre - a £34.25m initiative – on behalf of the Northwest Regional Development Agency. It 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.

Derek Ellison, business development director of Eden Biodesign, welcomed the appointment of Tamara Tugal to the team and said: “A wide range of expertise is core to Eden Biodesign’s work at the National Biomanufacturing Centre. We believe that our success depends on our clients being able to work with experts from their first introduction to the company. The addition of Tamara Tugal as Business Development Manager highlights our refusal to compromise on expertise - understanding our clients’ needs from the outset and meeting those needs by providing best practice process development and clinical manufacturing services.”

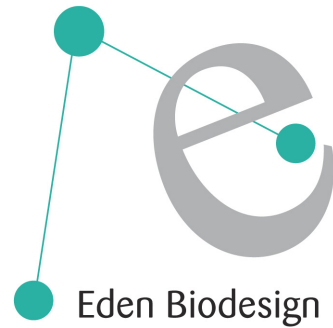
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Eden Biodesign

Eden Biodesign is a successful international biopharmaceutical development and manufacturing services business that provides ‘state of the art’ services to biotech clients across Europe, the USA and Asia. Eden Biodesign operates the UK National Biomanufacturing Centre, recently opened in Liverpool.



Eden Biodesign

Eden Biodesign promises all clients a committed service plus the strategic thinking 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.

Last month, Eden announced a new deal to supply Onyvax Limited, the biotechnology company developing novel cancer therapies with cGMP clinical manufacturing services for its Cell Vaccine program in ovarian cancer.

The National Biomanufacturing Centre

The £34.25 million National Biomanufacturing Centre, which opened its doors in February 2006, is a Government-funded initiative led by the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA) and is additionally funded through the European Regional Development Fund and the Department of Trade and Industry. It 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.