

MHRA Manufacturing Licence for Avecia Biologics

Tees Valley, 08 May 2008 : Avecia Biologics has announced it has received a Manufacturer's Licence from the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The Licence authorises commercial manufacturing at the company's Tees Valley, UK site and comes three months after the company successfully underwent its first FDA Pre-Approval Inspection.

Avecia Biologics has been engaged in the development of innovative bioprocesses for over 30 years and has been making GMP material for clinical development for over 10 years. Based in the north-east of England, Avecia operates one of Europe's largest cGMP contract manufacturing facilities and process development groups for microbial protein biologics, offering flexible capacity from 100L - 5000L for all stages of the product pipeline.

Steve Bagshaw, president of Avecia Biologics, said "we are immensely proud of achieving this significant milestone in our company's development. It truly confirms us in the top tier of contract manufacturers for microbial biologics and we look forward to continuing to build on this success with our client partners".

About Avecia

Avecia is a privately owned biotechnology group of companies with recognised leading positions in the process development and manufacture of biopharmaceutical and oligonucleotide medicines. The Group's Biologics Business, based in Tees Valley, UK has been developing processes and making protein-based biologics to cGMP since 1998. Products currently being worked on include medicines targeted at forms of cancer, heart conditions, stroke, growth and blood disorders. In Milford, MA, the group's OligoMedicines business carries out process development and the manufacture of oligonucleotide therapeutics by sequential solid state synthesis to produce pharmaceuticals comprised of short strands of DNA or RNA. Customers range from some of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies to small innovative biotech start-up businesses.

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