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APPOINTMENTS AT AVECIA

Tees Valley, UK: Avecia has announced the following appointments:

Quality Director: Peter Williams has been appointed Quality Director of Avecia's Biologics business. Peter is a Qualified Person (QP) with over 30 years' experience in Quality Management in a number of pharmaceutical companies, including Sanofi Synthelabo, Astra Pharmaceuticals and GlaxoSmithKline.

In his new position he joins the Biologics Board and reports to Dr Kevin Cox, President, who says "with increasing production emphasis on short-run, highly complex biologics, quality direction is a key leadership function. We're delighted that customers will benefit from Peter's exceptional level of experience in Quality Management".

A graduate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, he qualified at Flintshire College of Technology.

Commercial Development Manager : Nicole O'Brien, PhD has been appointed Commercial Development Manager, Biologics for the US West Coast.

Dr. O'Brien was formerly a scientist in Biogen Idec's Oncology Group, having gained her PhD in 2003 in Cellular Molecular Biology jointly at the University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University.

Dr. O'Brien will be based in southern California and cover the West Coast to mid-West. She will report to Shelly Adams, Director North American Sales.

- **Avecia** is a privately owned biotechnology company with recognised leading positions in biopharmaceutical process development and manufacturing, bio-defence vaccines and the manufacture of DNA medicines. The company's Tees Valley, UK site 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.

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