



New Manufacturing Innovation Manager Joins Invetech's North American Operations Team

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA – March 7 2007) Invetech, a specialist in instrument development and custom automation, announces the appointment of Ian Fitzpatrick as Manager of Manufacturing Innovation in North America. Working with current and prospective clients throughout North America, Ian will lead a team dedicated to exploring how specific client's manufacturing needs can be achieved. Within this role, Ian is tasked with integrating US nationals into the expanding Invetech team while ensuring Invetech's work programs are delivered seamlessly.

Ian has extensive experience of engineering within the manufacturing industry, and moves from a project management role at Invetech's Australian office to take up the new position. During his career, Ian has held various product development and management roles with organizations including Ceramic Fuel Cells Ltd., Established Kadence Engineering Pty Ltd., Nilcra Ceramics Pty Ltd. and ANCA Pty Ltd.

Ian says: "In my new role with Invetech I will be focusing on unique laboratory automation integrations that incorporate OEM components, the delivery of systems to the emerging point of care industry, and integrating systems for therapeutic research and production processes. The role will involve extensive client liaison to ensure that we are meeting our customers' needs. I will also be focusing on strengthening our North American team and overseeing our work programs to ensure that they are delivered seamlessly."

Jari Palander, Vice President of North American Operations at Invetech, comments: "Invetech is pleased to continue the growth of the US based team, and to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the North American market. We have been delivering some very exciting projects into the bioautomation market recently and have some great tools and experience to assist companies seeking to introduce new products to manufacture. Ian's appointment will continue to lead the US team forward."

Invetech's manufacturing innovation group builds strongly on a consultative approach that seeks to identify the best commercial direction for clients. Contributing to the success of clients is Invetech's principal goal.

Invetech is an engineering services company with extensive experience in solving automation challenges for laboratories and instrument companies working in life sciences, diagnostics and pharmaceutical/biotech laboratories. With a track record in improved reliability, durability and system throughput, the company's expertise crosses a number of disciplines crucial to the drug discovery process including liquid handling, plate handling, robotics, software interfaces, optics, specialized detection systems, miniaturization, and integration.

For more information about Invetech's innovative instrument development and custom automation services, please contact Invetech on instruments@invetech.us, visit the website www.invetech.us, or phone East Coast US: +1 203 675 4502, West Coast US: +1 415 533 1958.

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About Invetech:

For more than 20 years Invetech has been at the forefront of new product development and automation. With experience drawn from over 5,000 projects, Invetech delivers global contract design and development, contract instrument manufacturing and custom automation services to life sciences, drug discovery and pharmaceutical companies, in addition to 7 of the world's top 10 clinical diagnostic companies.

Invetech combines its integrated in-house capabilities, specialist knowledge and diverse experience to deliver better solutions, in the shortest possible time and with less risk, to its clients base of start-ups through to multinationals. Its commercial focus, responsive and flexible approach, and unbiased solutions, means clients get the best outcome with the aim of commercial success.