

PRESS RELEASE



EnviroGene Appoints Dr Mark Chadwick as CEO

Tredomen, Wales, 28th April 2009: EnviroGene, a molecular diagnostics company enabling informed capital expenditure for the management of essential natural resources, has appointed Dr. Mark Chadwick as CEO. Dr. Chadwick was appointed following the Company's two year period of technology and market development. His primary focus as CEO will be the commercialisation of EnviroGene's technology in the fields of Water Quality and Bioremediation, and Oil and Gas Exploration.

Dr. Chadwick joins EnviroGene from chemistry services provider, Excelsyn, where he grew its Development Services business from its inception to a turnover of over £3m p/a in less than 3 years and subsequently took full responsibility for business development, growing sales to £14m with an EBITDA of £1m. Prior to this he was involved in commercialising a novel drug discovery technology at Cambridge Genetics Ltd. The company was later acquired by medicinal chemistry services provider BioFocus for £28m, which then grew to become a profitable business with a turnover of over £15m and was acquired by Galapagos in 2005. While at BioFocus, Dr. Chadwick gained an MBA with distinction from Imperial College, London.

Welcoming the appointment, Alex Korda, Chairman, commented: "After two years of technology development, EnviroGene is preparing to move beyond field trials and into commercialisation. We are delighted to welcome Mark as our CEO, and believe that his strong technical background and commercial acumen, along with entrepreneurial startup and small company experience, are ideally suited to driving the next phase of growth at EnviroGene."

EnviroGene's novel technologies are based on molecular diagnostics and nanoparticle tracing. The Company has developed tools for the following applications:

- Water quality
 - EnviroGene employs molecular diagnostics and proprietary tests to identify the sources of faecal pollution, and can establish relative contributions of faecal pollution from each source found in waterways.
- Groundwater remediation

- Driven by increased pressure to use and bioremediate contaminated groundwater sites in the UK, EnviroGene's technology can be applied to groundwater bioremediation monitoring and pollutant plume tracking.
- Oil and gas exploration
 - EnviroGene's PetroGene™ tools complement seismic and soil surface gas measurements to provide secondary information about exploratory oil and gas drilling sites. Successful field validation studies were completed recently, and EnviroGene is now actively seeking industrial partners for further field validation of the technology.

"I'm excited to be joining EnviroGene at this pivotal stage in the Company's development," said Dr Chadwick. "I believe EnviroGene's technologies have the potential to reduce costs in both the environmental and natural resource industries, which is particularly poignant in the current economic climate, and I look forward to guiding their growth in these areas."

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About EnviroGene

EnviroGene (www.envirogene.co.uk) has developed molecular diagnostics and nanoparticle tracing technology applicable to the fields of surface water quality, groundwater bioremediation monitoring, and upstream oil and gas activities.

In the field of water quality, EnviroGene's molecular diagnostic technology can be used to determine the species responsible for faecal pollution of a waterway, and its DNA-based tracers (EnviroTrace) enable identification of the source of pollution. The technology may be applied to e.g. beaches, leaking sewer assets, shellfisheries, etc. EnviroGene's technology can help customers achieve regulator-imposed performance targets and provide information to target capital expenditure to where it is actually needed. EnviroGene is further developing wider applications of EnviroTrace in areas such as groundwater tracing, potable water investigations and dangerous substance apportionment studies.

In the field of bioremediation, EnviroGene uses its molecular diagnostic technology to develop assays for bacteria capable of degrading specific pollutants. As the technology is quantitative, EnviroGene can assess and monitor the activity of the bacteria, and determine the potential for and status of bioremediation within sites. The market is driven by a rapidly developing regulatory environment relating to bioremediation.

For the oil and gas industry, EnviroGene's PetroGene uses molecular diagnostic technology to complement seismic and soil gas analysis, providing information to influence exploratory drilling decisions. PetroGene identifies soil microbial populations that metabolise sub-surface derived hydrocarbons. EnviroGene is also developing molecular technologies for use in other upstream oil and gas activities.

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