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HELSINN BIREX PHARMACEUTICALS LTD ACHIEVES CPD ACCREDITATION FROM ENGINEERS IRELAND

Helsinn Birex Pharmaceuticals Ltd is proud to announce that they have been accredited with the prestigious CPD award from Engineers Ireland.

This has been awarded to their Technical Services Department and is in keeping with Helsinn's ongoing commitment to the training and development of staff.

CPD stands for Continuing Professional Development. The CPD accreditation scheme, sponsored by Engineers Ireland, is designed to support lifelong learning, by stimulating and recognising good organisational practice in the areas of professional development for engineers and technical staff (but can be applied to all staff members in all areas of an organisation).

The ethos of the award is that the planned acquisition of knowledge, skills and experience is a strategy for success.

The accreditation involved the preparation of a detailed submission to Engineers Ireland followed by a presentation, and in-depth external audit of the Department's training practices and policies which included members of the Department being interviewed.

On 30th May, Engineers Ireland held their annual symposium and presented 6 new companies with the CPD award which included Helsinn Birex Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

A delegation headed by Pdraig Somers and Bill Kervick (both qualified members of Engineers Ireland) accepted the award from the Minister of State and Labour Affairs, Tony Killeen, TD.

Helsinn Birex Pharmaceuticals is one of eleven pharmaceutical companies throughout Ireland to have received the accreditation to date and only the second pharmaceutical company in the Dublin area.

The scheme has received formal backing from the Tanaiste and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

62 companies across Ireland have received the award to date.



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30 May 2006: Helsinn News—Helsinn Birex Pharmaceuticals Ltd achieves Engineers Ireland CPD accreditation.

Pictured below at the annual award ceremony are, from left to right, Pdraig Somers (General Manager), Gordon Cribbin (Engineering Co-ordinator), Andrew Hayes (Human Resources Officer), Fergus Colgan (Training Co-ordinator), Deirdre Hurley (Plant Director) and Bill Kervick (Technical Services Manager)

