

MSD in Brinny welcomes engineers of the future

2nd March, 2012: As part of Engineers Week 2012, MSD, the global healthcare company, is holding two days of events at our site in Brinny Co. Cork to help inspire students to consider engineering as a career choice and help ensure the future supply of qualified engineers in the life sciences industry.

Engineers Week is a week-long programme of nationwide events with the aim of celebrating the world of engineering in Ireland. The aim of the week is to create a positive awareness and spark enthusiasm about the engineering profession in people of all ages with little or no engineering background.

We are playing our part at MSD in Brinny by hosting two onsite day sessions with local schools on Wed 29th Feb and Fri 02nd March. During the sessions students will have the opportunity to use a real medicine vial/bottle filling machine model from the Brinny site as well as taking part in interactive sessions with a 3D modeling computer tool. The students will also hear from engineers in Brinny about a day in their life at the site, take a site tour stopping off at the Boiler House and steam generation and sterile areas and finally take part in a Table Quiz on Engineering & MSD in Brinny at the end of the day for a Prize Giving Ceremony.

Matt Corcoran, Plant Manager MSD in Brinny, said; "We are delighted to be taking part in Engineer's Week 2012. At Brinny we are proud of our relationships with local schools, where we work with teachers to illustrate the exciting opportunities for science and engineering graduates for students from a young age."

Donal Kelleher, Facilities Management & Engineering site lead at MSD in Brinny, was keen to point out the importance of Engineers to the site's performance; "We are specifically emphasising to the students the integral part that engineers have to play in producing the life saving medicines manufactured at the MSD site in Brinny. Currently we have Chemical, Mechanical, Electrical/Electronic and Civil Engineers all performing key roles in every aspect of manufacture of the products at Brinny and in MSD's mission to help the world be well"

Since the company's establishment in Ireland MSD has worked actively with leading academic institutions in an effort to develop mutually beneficial partnerships and assist them in the development of curricula which meets the needs of the commercial sector, therefore providing employment opportunities to Irish Graduates and Post-Graduates.

In fact during Science Week we open many of our sites up to visits by local students where our chemists and engineers give presentations and offer career advice. MSD's Participation in Engineer's Week is an exciting new addition to this programme and we hope to hold additional events at our site in Ballydine Co. Tipperary during the course of this year's programme.

-ENDS-

Notes to Editor

Today's MSD is a global healthcare leader working to help the world be well. MSD is known as Merck in the United States and Canada and MSD elsewhere. Through our prescription medicines, vaccines, biologic therapies, and consumer care and animal health products, we work with customers and operate in more than 140 countries to deliver innovative health solutions. We also demonstrate our commitment to increasing access to healthcare through far-reaching policies, programs and partnerships. For more information, visit www.msd.ie.

MSD in Ireland

MSD employs 2,300 people directly in Ireland and provides an additional 9,000 indirect jobs through its operations at sites across Ireland.

In the last five decades the company has invested over €2.2bn in Ireland. MSD is one of Ireland's leading exporters and contributes significantly towards making the pharmaceutical industry the country's leading export sector. MSD is a member of Guaranteed Irish and manufactures or packages many of its leading products for the world market in Ireland.

Media Contacts

Sarah Connolly, Corporate Communications Manager
Tel. 01 299 8734 / 087 95 40430, E-mail sarah.connolly@merck.com