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Jean-Albert Pittaluga appointed to lead MSD's facility in Carlow

17th February 2015: Leading healthcare company, MSD, has appointed Jean-Albert Pittaluga as Executive Director, Plant Management for its site in Carlow.

In this role, Jean-Albert will be responsible for overall operations and management of the Carlow facility, leading a team of over 450 highly-skilled people with a core focus on a range of new and innovative products being developed by MSD for export across the globe.

With nearly 30 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry, including operations management and pharmaceutical engineering, Jean-Albert was previously the Senior Director of Operations at MSD in France. Prior to that, he held the role of General Manager at the French arm of global pharmaceutical company, Catalent Sterile Business.

Jean-Albert holds a Masters Degree in Pharmaceutical Engineering.

MSD in Carlow is a state-of-the-art, 200,000 sq ft biologics operation in which MSD has invested €220 million in recent years. MSD in Carlow is the company's first stand-alone human vaccine facility, producing vaccines for customers across the world.

MSD, known as Merck in the US and Canada, has operations in more than 140 countries. In Ireland, the company employs over 2,000 people across its five sites in Dublin, Carlow, Cork, Tipperary and Wicklow where its extensive operations encompass manufacturing, commercial and marketing facilities.

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