

MSD Brinny celebrates opening of new immuno-oncology lab

New lab will act as global testing facility for MSD, significantly streamlining its immuno-oncology production process

Brinny, Co. Cork, 9th April 2018: MSD Ireland today celebrates the opening of a new immuno-oncology lab at its site in Brinny, Co. Cork. The state of the art facility, which took nine months to develop, will play a central role in production and supply for MSD in the world market.

At the newly opened lab, MSD Brinny will test medicines which will be supplied to patients around the globe. The Lab will employ 16 people full time and will double the testing capacity of this key product at the site, significantly streamlining production and increasing the speed at which products can reach patients.

MSD Brinny is a leading facility for the development, testing and manufacturing of new biologics and vaccines, exporting to numerous countries across the world. The site specialises in development and commercial supply of biotech products including some of MSD's products for oncology, hepatitis C and rheumatoid arthritis.

Barry Mulcahy, Site Lead at MSD Brinny said, "As a leading healthcare company, our growth and development has been built on continually embracing new ways of working, as well as the latest cutting-edge technologies. Our highly-skilled workforce here in Brinny is now leading the way in the development of new medicines. Supplies of oncology products will be tested here in Cork before being supplied to patients globally. Our new lab will provide us with twice the testing capacity, thus dramatically increasing the speed at which the treatment can reach those who need it.'

MSD Brinny has a long and proud tradition of manufacturing excellence as well as a strong legacy in the biopharmaceutical sector. It's one of the region's largest employers, with more than 500 staff and has been a vibrant part of the local Innishannon community for nearly 35 years.

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About MSD

MSD, known as Merck & Co. Inc., Kenilworth, NJ, USA in the US and Canada, has operations in more than 140 countries. MSD employs approximately 1,700 people across its sites in Ireland, which encompass manufacturing, R&D, commercial and marketing facilities in addition to global support services.

As a global leader in healthcare, we are dedicated to helping the world be well through a wide range of innovative health solutions. This includes the development, production and distribution of prescription medicines, vaccines and biologic therapies as well as animal health products. We also drive and support the on-going development of patient support initiatives.

Our core values are driven by the desire to improve life, achieve scientific excellence, operate with the highest standards of integrity, expand access to our products, and employ a diverse workforce that values collaboration. Many of the most widely used MSD medicines are developed by our teams in Ireland, with over 50% of MSD's global top 20 products now manufactured here in Ireland. We have invested hugely in the Irish market and our Irish sites are highly regarded, and renowned, by our colleagues across the globe. For more information please visit www.msd.ie

