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Press Release

Clean Air Technologies to open its first commercial subsidiary in the Rhône-Alpes region

Established in 1998 by two engineers, Clean Air Technologies, an innovative British firm, specialises in the design and servicing of cleanrooms and bio-containment laboratories. Over the years, the firm has developed a business model that provides cleanroom operators with an A-Z range of services required to operate these critical environments, from the design to training operatives and ongoing maintenance and validation. With its 13-year track record of providing high quality support in airborne contamination control, Clean Air Technologies has built a loyal customer base throughout the pharmaceutical, bio-containment and bio-technology industries.

Clean Air Technologies is already supporting French Multi-National Pharmaceutical companies manufacturing in the UK. This along with the many institutes, leading laboratories and government agencies involved in biotech and agrifood being located in France it represents a potentially lucrative market. In 2010, Clean Air Technologies decided to open its first commercial subsidiary in the Lyon region, in consultation with the Lyonbiopôle (Health) innovation cluster in a joint venture with Sterigene SAS, a French company active in a complimentary field within the Life science industries, with offices in Paris and Lyon.

The Invest in France Agency UK and Ireland (IFA UKI) worked in coordination with its regional partners in France, including ADERLY, the Lyon region economic development agency, to provide Clean Air Technologies with the information and expert knowledge it needed to establish its subsidiary.

“Having exported to France for a numbers of years, Clean Air Technologies decided to set up an office in France. This meant that they could be nearer to their customers as well as benefit from the government initiatives designed to support innovation in their sector. We were more than happy to explain the benefits of being located near to the Lyon biopôle cluster and how to obtain the wonderful R&D tax credits that France offers. We wish them the best of luck with their venture.” Fabrice ETIENVRE, CEO Invest in France Agency UK & Ireland

Why France?

Clean Air Technologies chose France for the following reasons:

- The advantages offered by the Lyonbiopôle innovation cluster, including its strong scientific potential.
- The high level of R&D in France.
- Partnering opportunities with established business in Life sciences sector in France.

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