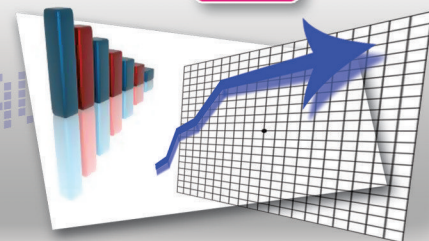


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Global recognition for Abbott Diagnostics Longford

by Majella Reid

Abbott's diagnostic facility in Longford has been named the Abbott EHS Manufacturing Plant of the Year 2009 at the global Environment, Health and Safety Excellence Awards which took place recently in Chicago.

Abbott facilities from all over the world entered the company's internal awards programme this year, which recognises outstanding EHS achievements, environmental performance and outreach initiatives involving local communities. The Longford facility, which manufactures diagnostic tests for a range of infectious diseases, introduced a range of innovative projects. These are designed to improve and enhance EHS performance at the 135,000 square foot facility. Also, these projects raise the awareness and personal responsibility amongst the workforce in relation to health and safety, waste segregation and minimisation and energy reduction.

"Abbott's efforts in Longford are an important part of our broader work to safeguard the environment through sustainable business practices across all of our global operations," said Robert D. Morrison, divisional vice president, Corporate EHS and

Energy, Abbott. "We're looking across our businesses to find ways to do things differently, which will result in improving the environment and strengthening our business over the long-term."

Abbott's diagnostic facility in Longford achieved a number of significant EHS goals this year including:

• A recycling rate of 70 per cent of total waste and waste segregation and composting of all canteen food waste.

• The development of a "Zero landfill" project for implementation in 2010. This will result in all non-recyclable waste being converted to Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) and used as an energy source. A waste characterisation study showed that all non-recyclable waste at ADD Longford is suitable for this process, resulting in a 100 per cent reduction of waste to landfill. The development and implementation of "Moving to Zero" is one of Abbott's leading EHS culture programmes.

• Environmental Awareness and Road Safety Days for the local community as well as local emergency services, fire safety companies and businesses.

Abbott's nutritional facility in Cootehill was the last Abbott Ireland facility to win the Global EHS Award in 2006.



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Longford business moves to new home

by Liam Cosgrove

One of Longford town's most popular retail outlets is celebrating its fifth anniversary this week by moving to a brand new, state of the art premises on the town's Centenary Square.

Since opening in 2005, Farrell-Coy has gradually emerged as a leading supplier of early learning as well as arts and crafts materials. Five years on the business' continued growth opened expansion possibilities, so much so that a new, more substantial premises was required.

This week, the business responded to that need when moving the short distance from their previous location



Bernie Coy

at Geraldine Court to the town's Centenary Square.

Agatha and Bernie have extended a warm invitation to all their present and new customers to visit them in their spacious new premises. Inside, a comprehensive



Agatha Farrell

range of student and artist materials can be found including a full range of Wenson and Newton paints, professional and student brushes and auxiliaries. Specialising in early learning and educational

material and games, a full range of mathematical and vocabulary games are in stock to suit five to 12-year-olds.

Alternatively, why not make your own cards and invitations with the store's selection of card making materials. New jewellery making kits are also now in stock.

If however, it is top of the range stationery you're after, Farrell-Coy don't disappoint to this end either with a large selection of items, all of which are competitively priced.

For more details contact Farrell-Coy at 043/3328794 or e-mail info@farrellcoystationary.ie

Health guru set for Austria

by Majella Reilly

Longford lady Annette Reilly will travel to Austria next month to undertake advanced training in Neuroenergetic Kinesiology (NEK). Annette, who is Ireland's only NEK practitioner, will then be qualified to teach the foundation level of NEK.

Kinesiology is the science of movement and has its roots in TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) and chiropractic methods. It incorporates techniques such as acupressure and meridian balancing, gentle structural manipulation, massage and nutrition. Kinesiology works to balance all systems of the body and can help with any health issue whether it's physical, mental or emotional.

Kinesiology assesses the patient via a muscle response test. This is a gentle test which detects stresses and imbalances in the four areas of the body's systems; Chemical e.g. nutrition, hormones, pH balance, metabolism, immune response; Structural e.g.



Annette Reilly

bones, muscles, tissues; Emotional, e.g. stress, anxiety, fears, phobias, trauma; Electromagnetic, e.g. hydration, energy levels, energy fields.

For further information about Annette's practice contact: 085 7858770, 043 3348500 or via email: annette_reilly@hotmail.com

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Positive report from Cameron

Local engineering firm Cameron has just released its annual report which highlights considerable profits for the international firm.

Total revenues were estimated at approximately \$1,452.7m for the quarter, up 14 per cent from 2009's \$1,270.0m. Earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation excluding charges were \$263.0m, up seven per cent for the \$246.4m one year ago. Orders increased 54 per cent since last year and the backlog declined modestly. Capital reinvestment continued and the balance sheet remained strong with cash totaling \$155.4m in the first six months of 2010. Full year earnings expectations rose and the company has become a leading provider of flow equipment products, systems and services to worldwide oil, gas and process industries.

CEO, Cameron, Mr Jack B Moore said that the gains in revenues and depreciation reflected an "exceptional focus on execution" by the company's employees across numerous businesses in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon tragedy. "Revenues increased in Drilling and Production Systems (DPS) and Valves and Measurement (V&M) both year-over-year and sequentially," said Mr Moore. "The Compression Systems group saw revenues decline from year-ago levels due to the continuing softness in their industrial markets worldwide. North American markets continue to be strong including the booking of a sizeable surface production equipment order in the Gulf of Mexico for the Davy Jones Development as well as the initial order of a Cameron 20,000-psi BOP for use on a jackup rig. We now expect capital spending to total approximately \$2.6b, up from \$1.89b of the first half of 2009 and that at June 30, 2010 total backlog was \$4.92m down modestly from the first quarter of 2010's \$4.98b."

