

Galactic inaugurates its new research centre in Brussels

Brussels, 17th April 2013 - Galactic, a world leader in the production of lactic acid and other products made by fermentation, today launched its new research centre - Galactic Innovation Campus - in the presence of Céline Fremault, Brussels Minister for the Economy and Employment with responsibility for scientific research and Gaëtan Van Goidsenhoven, deputy mayor of Anderlecht. Situated on the Erasme site in Brussels, this recent acquisition is in line with the Belgian company's development strategy which has lately seen the launch of new products and services.

Situated in the heart of a renowned scientific environment, the Galactic Innovation Campus was previously dedicated to supporting spin-offs and start-ups in the biotechnology sector. This new centre of excellence, which is specialised in fermentation technology thanks to its state-of-the-art equipment, puts Galactic in pole position in European biotechnology.

« The Galactic Innovation Campus is a key element of our growth strategy », says Frédéric van Gansberghe, CEO of Galactic. « Over the past twenty years, we have developed a strong expertise in the field of fermentation, yet this R&D centre will enable us to significantly increase our efforts in this area. Thanks to having several highly equipped laboratories, we can continue to develop natural innovative solutions for the food, industrial and pharmaceutical markets.

In addition to the research and development services offered to clients, the Galactic Innovation Campus aims to host SMEs specialised in biotechnology on-site and thus preserve its original role as a business incubator. Galactic will also provide businesses with laboratories, equipment, and a range of services including technical and administrative support. Moreover, the company wants to strengthen its partnerships with academia to provide opportunities to young students, graduates and doctoral students wishing to improve their biotechnology knowledge in the laboratories of the Galactic Innovation Campus.

« It is a proud moment for the Brussels region to host a company that will develop high added-value business thanks to a favourable research and innovation eco-system. Once again Brussels demonstrates that not alone does industrial production still have a place there, but that it also has a future», said Céline Fremault, the Brussels Minister for the Economy and Scientific Research.

About Galactic :

Since 1994 Galactic has become one of the world's greatest leaders in biotechnology serving the food, feed, personal & health care, and industrial markets. Based on its valuable experience in the fermentation of lactic acid and other derivatives, Galactic continuously develops sustainable, innovative and health-friendly solutions in the field of food safety, nutrition and green chemistry. With headquarters in Belgium, production facilities in the United States (Milwaukee), China (Bengbu) and Europe (Escanaffles), and sales offices in Belgium (Brussels), Japan (Tokyo) and Brazil (Curitiba), Galactic employs more than 350 people worldwide and is active in almost 65 countries.

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