

Sekisui pours \$1.9 M in microbial biopharma CDMO biz

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Sekisui Diagnostics Enzyme business announces the completion of a new BioProcess Innovation Centre at the site in Maidstone, Kent by the end of 2019, following a \$1.9 million investment. This investment is part of a long-term investment strategy to grow its share of the Microbial Biopharma CDMO market, with future investment expected to focus on expanding cGMP manufacturing capabilities.

Previously part of Genzyme Diagnostics, Sekisui Diagnostics' Enzyme business launched its Microbial Biopharma CDMO service offering, BioProduction by Sekisui, in 2017, building on over 40 years' experience in this field. The new BioProcess Innovation Centre will more than double its development laboratory space to facilitate Process Transfer and Development.

Specialized in expression and purification from microbial fermentation, the group has wide experience, including but not limited to recombinant systems such as *E. coli* and *Pichia pastoris*, with associated purification and analytical technologies. Its main expertise lies in the production of enzymes, however its capabilities are also suitable for plasmids, antibody fragments, and other protein production. With production capabilities from 20L to 5,000L, Sekisui handles projects from pre-clinical through to commercialization.