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Pharmatech President Chatterjee to Address Risk Management Conference

Presentation to Focus on Process Improvement for Regulated Life Sciences

BOSTON and FOSTER CITY, Calif. – October 24, 2006 – Bikash Chatterjee, president of Pharmatech Associates, Inc., a provider of technical and business solutions for the regulated life sciences industry, has been tapped to present at the International Quality & Productivity Center's Risk Management in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing conference, convening Oct. 23-25 in Boston.

Recognized internationally for his expertise with continuous process improvement applications such as Six Sigma and Lean in the regulated life sciences, Chatterjee's address will delineate his methodology for incorporating risk management and operational excellence techniques in the design and development of pharmaceutical processes and facilities.

"Until characterization and evaluation frameworks are more fully integrated into the basic drug development frameworks, validation will remain costly and time-consuming. It makes more sense to deploy optimization tools in the early development phases – long before validation becomes an issue," said

Chatterjee, who will also conduct a pre-conference workshop on the application of risk management as part of the drug development lifecycle.

Chatterjee, a Six Sigma Master Black Belt, has been involved in the life sciences industry for more than 20 years. He also has ISO 9000 Lead Assessor certification, as well as more than 15 years of experience in the implementation of Lean Manufacturing programs in the regulated life sciences. He was recently elected president of ASQ Golden Gate Chapter and was selected by United States Pharmacopeia (USP) as an advisor to its program to assist drug companies in applying GMP requirements internationally. Mr. Chatterjee holds a B.A. in Biochemistry and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of California at San Diego.

The Risk Management in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Conference, sponsored by the International Quality and Productivity Center's Pharma IQ division, will be held Oct. 23-25 at the Hyatt Harborside in Boston and focus on best practices and leading edge strategies for optimizing product quality and process excellence.

About Pharmatech Associates

Pharmatech is a full-service consultancy that bridges the gap between business problems and technical solutions for the regulated life-sciences industry . With an operational expertise that includes the exacting requirements of U.S. and European regulatory agencies, Pharmatech helps clients negotiate the complexities of the product life cycle with a methodology that encompasses proprietary practices as well as industry-standard processes such as Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing principles. This methodology is a structured, analytical procedural map based upon a set of processes that transforms business problems - relating to risk factors, cost and speed to market - into quantifiable technology solutions. For more information about Pharmatech Associates, visit www.pharmatechassociates.com .

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