



New Sampling Facility at Celltech

In 1985, the installation of a QA Sampling Booth at the Thomas Kerfoot site in the north-west of England, was one of the first steps that Extract Technology made into the pharmaceutical industry. Step forward twenty years to 2005, the latest QA Sampling Booth is once again being commissioned and handed over to the same customer, now known as Celltech.

Back in 1985 the idea of a local exhaust ventilation system (LEV) that would provide an assured clean environment around incoming materials for QA sampling was 'novel'. However, Extract Technology looked to provide both effective capture of dust during sampling operations and an assured clean environment, free from warehouse contamination. In other words, the company was confident that it could manufacture a packaged sampling facility to the highest cGMP standards fitting directly into the allocated space.



The recent Sampling Booth installed by Extract Technology sees a whole change in the technology package.

The variable speed fan ensures a quieter operation with much less heat gain, and the onboard cooling coil maintains a comfortable working temperature.

The filtration system incorporates a 'gel seal' overhead plenum chamber, allowing easy change over of ceiling screens, whilst the facility itself is constructed from cleanroom panels complete with pressurised airlocks for both materials and personnel.

This latest installation at Celltech demonstrates just how far the original designs have moved forward over the last twenty years, but the biggest advance is perhaps in the commissioning, IQ/OQ testing and documentation now provided.

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Celltech stores manager, Boyd Whiston, commented, *“The installation of a new Sampling Booth and facility was required to further protect the operators and to comply with newly implemented legislation. The project ran very smoothly with installation at the agreed date, and we, at Celltech, are extremely pleased with the final result.”*

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Extract Technology of Huddersfield, UK, manufactures Downflow Booths, Isolators and Pack-Off Systems for the pharmaceutical industry. Extract Technology is part of the US-based private investment firm, Insight Equity, which acquired the Walker Group (parent group of CPS, former owners of Extract) on 6th October 2006.

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