



## **Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS) triumphs in Medilink East Midlands Business Awards**

Nottingham company Scientific Laboratory Supplies has walked away with the award for Outstanding Achievement in this year's Medilink East Midlands Business Competition. The company collected the prize at the Innovation Day awards dinner held last night at the Radisson Blu Hotel, East Midlands Airport.

Based on the Wilford Industrial Park on the outskirts of the city, Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS) is the largest independent supplier of laboratory equipment, consumables, chemicals and Life Science products in the UK. The award recognises the company's achievement in winning a major contract to supply the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency which commended the technical quality, flexibility and innovative approach shown in the SLS proposal. The commercial impact for SLS has been significant; not least the adoption of safety and quality standards and a drive to implement higher level quality procedures throughout the whole company.

Peter Lister, Operations Director said: "SLS were shortlisted for two Medilink awards, including the Export Achievement Award, which is recognition in itself. Winning the Outstanding Achievement Award is a brilliant accomplishment for the SLS team, as is the recognition within the East Midlands Life Science community."

The Outstanding Achievement Award is sponsored by Morningside Pharmaceuticals Ltd. CEO Dr Nik Kotecha said: "Exceptional achievement in the life sciences sector is something we believe in, which is why we sponsor this award. It provides the recognition that high achieving companies deserve. It is good to see independent companies like SLS making excellent progress in a marketplace dominated by a few large companies. The award recognises drive, innovation and commitment to quality that is good for the whole sector, as it sets a standard for others to emulate."

In addition to Scientific Laboratory Supplies, four other companies won Medilink awards in this year's competition. They are Spirit Healthcare for Partnership with the NHS; Francis Lamont Innovations for Best Start Up, TerrainHopper for Innovation, and Quadralene Group for Export Achievement, further evidence of the East Midlands' impact and influence in the healthcare and bioscience business sector. The creativity in innovation and manufacture shown by these companies is leading to valuable jobs and wealth generation. They are also playing a major part in improving patient care, especially in the community, resulting in the cost-effective delivery of healthcare services.

Speaking after the awards were announced, Dr Darren Clark, Chief Executive of Medilink East Midlands commented: "Scientific Laboratory Supplies has shown great tenacity and drive in winning a major new client and using this in turn to drive internal development as well as creating new jobs for the city. We congratulate them on their continuing success which illustrates that quality of service and customer care still set a company apart from the competition."

Scientific Laboratory Supplies is automatically entered into the Medilink UK national awards which will take place in early 2014.

The Awards ceremony took place on the evening following the Medilink East Midlands Innovation Conference, which was supported by the Healthcare and Bioscience iNet project (part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)). This year's conference theme, 'Revolutionising Healthcare –What part will you play?' attracted over 200 of the region's leading businesses and academics in the sector.