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# Edinburgh-based Angel Biotechnology is expanding..., *Monday May 21 2012*

Edinburgh-based **Angel Biotechnology** is expanding with the launch of a new subsidiary after buying a collagen manufacturing plant in Glasgow. Acting Chief Executive Stewart White explains the move...



### What does Angel Biotechnology do?

Our background is in contract manufacturing, specialising in biological medicines. These are devices or therapies manufactured in a variety of ways using, for example, stem cells or proteins. Companies come to us for our expertise in this area, typically at pre-clinical or phase 1 clinical trial phase, when they start patient tests. We were established in 2001 and have been quoted on AIM since 2007. We're based at Pentlands Science Park and have 41 staff.

### Tell us about your new business

Our new subsidiary, Angel Biomedical, produces a range of products from collagen raw materials. These include tissue scaffolds – for example small films or sponges which can be used as the delivery mechanism for the kind of biological medicines we are already manufacturing. By adding this string to our bow, we're increasing our service offering to clients and broadening our market.

### How do you make a difference?

Our expertise helps clients manufacture their clinical material to the required regulatory standards and get to market quicker. Our recent acquisition meets a wider requirement in society for the move towards personalised medicine. Companies can take the patients' own cells, purify and store them. Then later in life, if for example you have cartilage damage in your knee, the cells can be grown on a scaffold which can then be implanted without issues of rejection. Collagen as a biomaterial has been used in these types of devices and therapies for decades, therefore there is a tremendous precedence of use globally.



#### What's your own background and vision for the business?

I have a Life Sciences degree, PhD and MBA all from Strathclyde University. Previously I was in pharmaceutical manufacturing and contract bio-manufacturing. My vision for the business is to increase the commercial performance by building on the company's tremendous history and technical capabilities and drive expansion of our distinctive competencies to benefit our customers, patients and our own shareholders.

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