

NUCLETRON UK SUCCESSFULLY GAINS ISO 14001 ACCREDITATION

Nucletron's commitment to excellence enhanced by Environmental Protection measures

Chester, UK (April 2011). Nucletron UK, a leading provider of state-of-the-art radiotherapy solutions for cancer treatment has recently been awarded an **SIO 14001 Certificate**. **ISO 14001 is a voluntary environmental management system, which requires constant commitment to environment planning and improvement.**

Simon Richardson, Quality & Operations Manager at Nucletron UK comments, *"ISO 14001, which is in addition to our ISO 901 certification, is a significant accomplishment for us, as it allows us to reduce the environmental impact of our products and provide a safer, healthier place in which to work. Nucletron in the UK takes quality issues very seriously and it is high on our agenda. As a responsible organisation we seek to achieve high standards, particularly in the handling of radiation oncology materials."*

ISO 14001 is an internationally recognised accreditation. Its key requirement is that an environmental policy exists within the organisation, and is fully supported by the senior management of the company.

The first step in achieving accreditation is to undertake an audit to ascertain how to meet the key requirements of the standard. A list of key issues is then provided that need to be addressed before the second stage of the audit can be conducted. The second stage is to establish whether the working practices now meet the requirements of the standard. On gaining the ISO14001 certificate the company must be audited every three years and have "surveillance" visits where elements of the environmental system are surveyed.

Simon concludes, *"Environmental responsibility and company success go hand-in-hand. Stakeholders are demanding the highest ethical standards in an age of rising prices, as well as increasing legislative requirements. It also means that we are moving into line with our main customer, the NHS, who is also committed to carbon reduction and the environment."*

About Nucletron

Nucletron provides state-of-the-art radiotherapy solutions for cancer treatment that meet the evolving needs of patients, their caregivers and healthcare professionals around the world. Nucletron has unmatched global leadership in brachytherapy, a very precise, highly effective and well-tolerated treatment option for healthcare givers, tailored to meet the needs of individual patients. We work with clinical teams to constantly improve and develop an innovative portfolio of integrated products, software

and services that assures excellent patient outcomes. Headquartered in Veenendaal, The Netherlands, Nucletron employs more than 500 employees, with offices in 15 countries, and products available in more than 100 countries around the world. Please visit www.nucletron.com to learn more about our healthcare solutions



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