

CELLTECH GROUP PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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For the month of **April, 2003**

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CELLTECH GROUP PLC

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

208 Bath Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 3WE ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Enclosure: Appointment of New CEO

Embargoed for release at 7am

16th April 2003

CELLTECH ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF
NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Celltech Group plc today announced the appointment of Dr. Goran Ando (54) as CEO, with immediate effect. Dr. Ando served as President of R&D at Pharmacia Corporation until its acquisition by Pfizer, which completed on 15 April 2003. Dr. Ando's extensive business role as an Executive Vice President of Pharmacia incorporated responsibility for business development, including mergers and acquisitions, and for manufacturing. Dr. Ando's previous appointments (summarised in the attached CV) included a period as R&D Director for Glaxo Group Research.

Dr. Ando succeeds Dr. Peter Fellner, who has been CEO of Celltech since 1990. Dr. Fellner will take up the position of Chairman with immediate effect, following the retirement of Mr. John Jackson.

Dr. Fellner commented, "In appointing Dr. Ando as Celltech's new Chief Executive Officer, we have selected an individual who not only has an exceptional track record in drug discovery and development appropriate for a leading R&D based biotechnology company, but one who also has extensive business experience and capabilities to guide Celltech through its next phase of growth. We are delighted that someone of his stature will be taking up the leadership of Celltech.

Goran and I have worked closely together during the past two years, in the context of Celltech's landmark partnership with Pharmacia, and he brings to Celltech qualities which I believe will accelerate the Company's development as a global biotechnology leader".

The Celltech management team reporting to Dr. Ando will be:

- Peter Allen, who is appointed Deputy CEO, with further operational responsibilities, in addition to his continuing role as Chief Financial Officer.
- Dr. Melanie Lee, Director of R&D.
- Ingelise Saunders, CEO of Celltech Pharmaceuticals.
- Peter Nicholls, Group HR Director.

Dr. Ando commented, "Celltech is a world-leading biotechnology company with an exciting and innovative product pipeline. I am looking forward immensely to working with its management and scientists at this very exciting stage in the company's development."

The Board of Celltech thanks Mr. John Jackson for his very valuable contribution as Chairman over a 20 year period, during which Celltech has developed from an early-stage research-based company into one of the largest European

biotechnology companies.

Contacts:

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| Dr. Peter Fellner | Chairman | (44) (0) 1753 534655 |
| Peter Allen | Deputy CEO and CFO | |
| Richard Bungay | Director of Corporate Communications | |
| Jon Coles | Brunswick (London) | (44) (0) 207 404 5959 |
| Fiona Fong | Brunswick (London) | (44) (0) 207 404 5959 |
| Cindy Leggett-Flynn | Brunswick (New York) | (1) (212) 333 3810 |

Celltech Group plc (LSE: CCH; NYSE: CLL) is one of Europe's largest biotechnology companies, with an extensive late stage development pipeline and a profitable, cash-generative pharmaceutical business. Celltech also possesses drug discovery capabilities of exceptional strength, including a leading position in antibody engineering. More details can be found at www.celltechgroup.com.

Notes for Editors

Dr. Goran Ando - Curriculum vitae

CURRICULUM VITAE

DR. GORAN A. ANDO

Personal Details

Date of Birth: March 6, 1949
 Marital status: Married (2 children)

Education

Saltsjobaden High School, Sweden: Graduated 1967
 Linkoping Medical University: Graduated 1973, MD
 Specialist, General Medicine: 1978

Professional

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| 1973-1977 | House Physician Visby Hospital, Sweden |
| 1978-1980 | Medical Director Pfizer AB, Sweden |
| 1980-1983 | Director Clinical Research, Pfizer International, NY USA |
| 1983-1985 | Vice President, Medical & Scientific Affairs Bristol-Myers International Group, NY USA |

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1986-1989 Medical Director, promoted to President
Astra Research Centre, Sweden

1989-1995 Joined as Medical Director; promoted to Deputy R&D Director, and then R&D
Director for Glaxo Group Research. For two years, was also responsible for
Product Strategy (= central marketing) group. Managing Director of Glaxo Group Ltd. Member of Group Executive
Committee Glaxo Ltd., UK

Executive Vice President & Deputy CEO
Pharmacia AB, Sweden

1995-1997 Executive Vice President, Worldwide Science & Technology
Pharmacia & Upjohn, UK

Chairman
Pharmacia & Upjohn AB, Sweden

1997-Present Executive Vice President and President, Research & Development, with additional
responsibility for manufacturing, IT, business development, mergers & acquisitions.
Pharmacia Corporation, NJ USA

Other

Member, Board of Directors
Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)
Washington, DC

Member, Board of Directors
Agency of Science, Technology & Research (A*STAR)
Singapore

Chairman of Board (1995-1999)
MorphoSys GmbH
Munich, Germany

Chairman of Board (1996-1999)
Prolifix Limited
London, UK

Chairman of Board (1998-2000)
IntrinsiQ Data Corporation
Boston, MA

Honorary Doctorate in Medicine (awarded 2002)
Karolinska Institute
Stockholm, Sweden

William Pitt Fellow (1997-present)
Pembroke College
Cambridge University

Founding Fellow
American College of Rheumatology

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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CELLTECH GROUP
(Registrant)

ALLEN

By: /s/ PETER

Officer

Peter Allen
Chief Financial

Dated: April 16, 2003