

Kensington, MD- December 18, 2009 - Michael J. Mikula, PE, LEED® will be assuming his new role at Encon Group Inc. He will serve as Director of Life Sciences.

In his new position Mr. Mikula will direct the company's Life Sciences Division. Encon is currently working on several large scale life sciences projects of which we are involved with everything from the design build aspect to full construction management. He will be based in the company's Kensington, MD office.

The last 15 years of Michael Mikula's work experience have focused on clients within the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry; his projects focusing on cGMP facility design, construction, startup, and validation.

Prior to joining Encon in 2008, Mr. Mikula served as a Senior Project Manager for the Gilbane Building Company in Frederick, MD. He was involved in the construction of a 250,000 square-foot facility for the Department of Homeland Security, containing BSL-4, BSL-3E, and ABSL-2 laboratories.

From 1998 to 2005, Mr. Mikula worked for Human Genome Sciences Inc., in Rockville, MD. He began his career with HGS as a Mechanical Engineer with responsibility for the design, construction, startup and validation of two pilot scale biotechnology plants, including containment at various BSL levels. The first, an 83,000- square-foot facility containing a 750L cGMP microbial production train, and subsequently, a 43,000-square-foot expansion containing a 1600L cGMP mammalian cell production train.

He was promoted to Project Manager, then Senior Manager, and ultimately managed the design and construction of HGS's 630,000 square-foot, three-winged complex including an administration building, a preclinical research facility, and a cGMP clinical production facility, as well as a 300,000 square-foot, large-scale manufacturing facility providing warehousing, office space, laboratories, and production at the 20,000L scale.

In 1995, Mikula served as a Validation Assistant for Chesapeake Biological Laboratories, Inc., in Baltimore, MD. He designed and performed qualification studies for processes and production equipment, assisted in validated pharmaceutical process design and refinement, wrote technical documents including validation protocols and final reports summarizing completed projects, and assisted in commissioning CBL's 71,000 square-foot cGMP manufacturing facility.

Mr. Mikula earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1997 from the University of Maryland. In 2000, he received a Certificate in Bio-Chemical Regulatory Engineering, and in 2001, a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the same institution. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Maryland and is an accredited LEED professional.

