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## **VelQuest's SmartLab™ GMP Electronic Notebook System is Selected by AstraZeneca for their Global eLab Project**

*VelQuest's SmartLab platform met AstraZeneca's specific 21<sup>st</sup> Century cGMP data management requirements for its global plant operations.*

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VelQuest, the developer of a paperless compliance management system for pharmaceutical quality laboratory operations, announced today that AstraZeneca selected VelQuest for their global quality eLab informatics IT architecture. The SmartLab™ GMP Electronic Notebook System will automate AstraZeneca's QC/QA lab operations in a multi-tiered architecture with integration to a commercial Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and ERP system. The SmartLab system will provide electronic display of test methods and SOP's to the analyst, capture and catalog all QC data directly from analytical instruments and chromatography data systems, provide an electronic dashboard of all results for QA review and approval and automatically transfer quality data to a LIMS for final evaluation and approvals. This solution provides a paperless process that significantly reduces overall lab cycle times and costs associated with traditional paper-based methods.

After a formal evaluation and RFP process, VelQuest's SmartLab technology was found to be best suited for AstraZeneca's Quality Operations' Laboratories. VelQuest's SmartLab platform is a unique lab execution system that complements the LIMS administrative functions with an off-the shelf solution enabling a very rapid delivery program. This architecture will ensure alignment of cGMP lab processes for global QC data management at AstraZeneca.

"We are delighted to be selected by AstraZeneca, a pharmaceutical industry leader in producing quality medicines and R&D innovation. Our plan is to complete the SmartLab deployment at seven manufacturing sites by end of 2008," says Ken Rapp, President and CEO of VelQuest. "AstraZeneca's selection of SmartLab confirms the significant operational value it provides for increasing lab and review team productivity, reducing cycle times, and assured compliance confidence for cGMP data management in the highly regulated life science industries."

### **About VelQuest Corporation**

The VelQuest SmartLab GMP Electronic Notebook System is an innovative software platform designed to provide the foundation for compliance-based activities in the life science markets. The core software embraces the FDA's "cGMPs for the 21st Century: A Risk Based Approach" and "Quality by Design (QbD)" initiatives as well as ICH-Q10 (Pharmaceutical Quality Systems), and supports the company's SmartLab™ Applications for a fully compliant electronic laboratory, SmartShell™ 21 CFR Part 11 remediation software, and SmartBatch™ manufacturing batch record system.

Founded in January 1999, VelQuest provides a growing suite of unique products to help transform regulated industries from labor-intensive, paper-based operations to automated, efficient systems, with greater confidence in their compliance than ever before possible. For additional information on VelQuest visit our website at [www.velquest.com](http://www.velquest.com).

### **About AstraZeneca**

AstraZeneca is a major international healthcare business engaged in research, development, manufacturing and marketing of prescription pharmaceuticals and supplier for healthcare services. AstraZeneca is one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies with healthcare sales of US \$29.55 billion and is a leader in gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, neuroscience, respiratory, oncology and infection product sales.

AstraZeneca is listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Global) as well as the FTSE4Good Index.

For more information, please visit [www.astrazenecapressoffice.com](http://www.astrazenecapressoffice.com)

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