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SFA Announce National Small Business Award Winners 2013

- **Megazyme wins the Overall SFA National Small Business Award 2013**
- **37 Finalists employ over 550 people**
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- **Minster for Small Business presents Awards**

Megazyme International Ireland has won the **Overall SFA National Small Business Award 2013**. Megazyme International Ireland is a cutting edge biotechnology company based in Bray Co Wicklow employing 34 people. They are involved in the development and supply of innovative analytical test kits and reagents for the agricultural, food, wine, dairy and biotechnology industries.

The six category winners were:

- **Manufacturing - Moll Industries Ireland**
- **Food & Drink - Celtic Pure**
- **Services - McGee Pharma International**
- **Outstanding Small Business (up to 5 employees) - Celtic Rider**
- **Innovator of the Year - Megazyme International Ireland**
- **Environmental Sustainability - M&T Plant Hire**

The presentation of the award was made by **Minister for Small Business, John Perry, TD** at the Awards Ceremony in Trinity College, this evening Thursday, 7th March. This is the ninth year of the SFA National Small Business Awards, which are organised by the **Small Firms Association**.

Announcing the winner, **AJ Noonan, SFA Chairman** said "Megazyme Ireland is a perfect example of a small Irish business punching above its weight on the international stage. The scale of growth and the ability to effectively manage an ever evolving business is a real testament to management and staff at Megazyme. They have a long history with the SFA Awards as category winners and I am delighted to present them with the Overall Award for 2013."

Guest of Honour, Minister John Perry commented: "Awards like these are important as they give well deserved recognition to the entrepreneurial efforts of the men and women in the small business sector, right across our country, whose continued commitment, drive and hard work plays a central role in our future economic advancement. The ability of small businesses to succeed and grow will underpin our future potential for jobs, growth and prosperity. SME's will be a key driver of the economic recovery across the country and indeed Europe, and this Government is committed to supporting this key sector. That is why this Governments primary focus, over the last two years, has been on jobs and growth and specifically why we prioritised the introduction of measures in the Budget and the Action Plan for Jobs that will support the SME sector."

The awards are sponsored by **Enterprise Ireland, Bord Bia, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Chartered Accountants Ireland, AIB, O2** and the **Emerging New Business category is sponsored by the County and City Enterprise Boards**.