



Working in a Biosciences Company

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About me....



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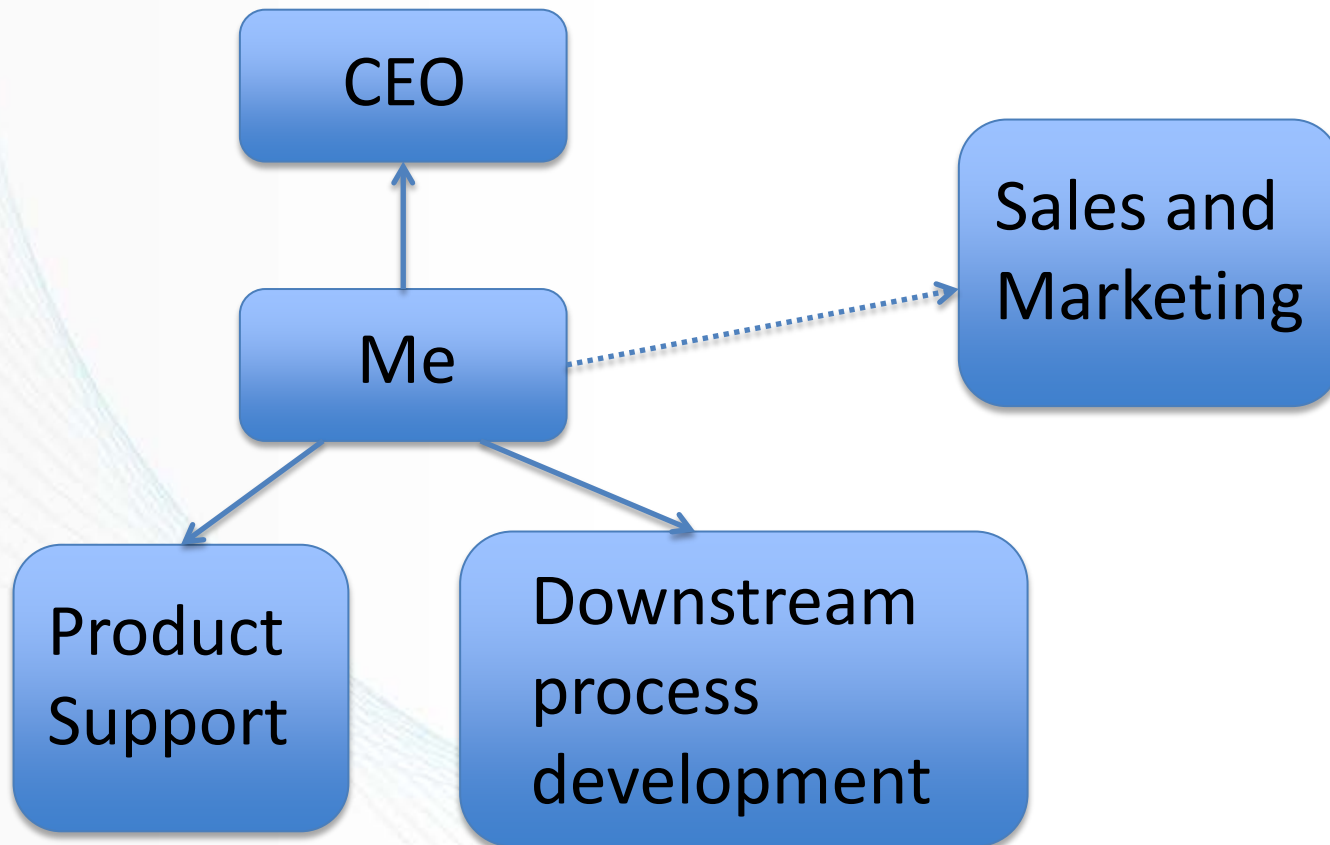
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PROMETIC
BIOSCIENCES



Product Development and Downstream Processing Manager



- Established in 1987 as Affinity Chromatography Ltd., and joined ProMetic Life Sciences in 1999
- Over 50 R&D and manufacturing employees
- Supplier of innovative bio-chromatography products and services to the global biopharmaceutical industry
- Protein purification
- Contaminant removal
- Pathogen reduction
- Custom adsorbent development
- Downstream process development

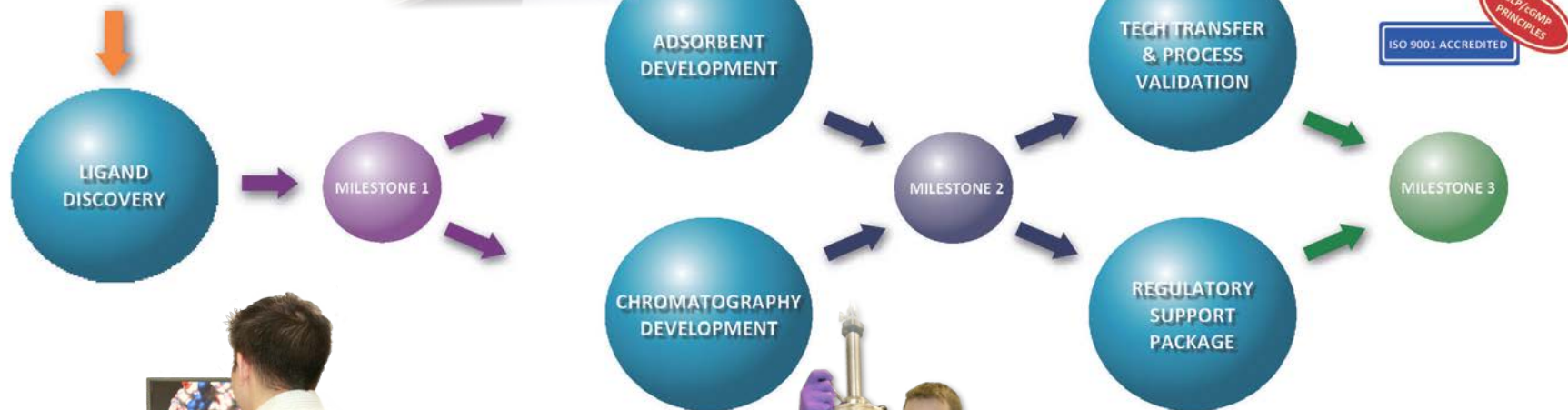


What do we do?

biochemistry, organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry, computational chemistry, analytical chemistry



PROJECT START



ProMetic BioSciences Ltd.

What is it like?

- Variety of opportunities
- Fast paced, demanding work and tight deadlines – service provider
- Professional, but relaxed environment
- Visibility within the company
- Training opportunities
- Flexible working hours
- Opportunity to travel
- Opportunities to publish/present at scientific meetings
- Work closely with customers and end users

Personal Experience

- **You** make the opportunities
 - 2004 – 2005 – Senior Scientist
 - 2005 – 2009 – Downstream Processing (DSP) Manager
 - 2009 – 2010 – Product Support and DSP Manager
 - 2011 – present – Product Development, Product Support and DSP Manager
 - 2014 – Where next?



Personal Experience



- Get involved with scientific organisations
- Develop transferrable skills – project management; people management etc.
- Develop an understanding of the industry you're working in
- Be proactive – personal development plan
- Be realistic
- Networking
- Work-life balance