



Barry McCleary, CEO and owner

Megazyme

Megazyme develops, manufactures and supplies innovative diagnostic test kits and reagents for quality management in the cereals, food, wine and biofuels industries. These kits are used worldwide to measure such things as dietary fibre in foods; enzymes in cereals, food and animal feeds; sugars, organic acids and numerous other components in wine; sugars and organic acids in dairy products; and enzymes involved in biomass conversion. More recently, Megazyme has been heavily involved in developing methods for measurement of lactose in 'low-lactose' and 'lactose-free' dairy products, and of phytic acid in cereal products.

Over 90% of the products supplied by Megazyme are manufactured on site in its research facility in the IDA Business Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Megazyme is the sole manufacturer of more than 60% of these products, and these are shipped to over 90 countries worldwide through 52 distributors. Ninety nine percent of sales are made online, with 98% of sales exported. Megazyme has 49 staff, 29 of whom are scientists. Over the past seven years it has averaged a growth in sales of 12% per annum. Megazyme recently represented Ireland in the European Business Awards (Entrepreneurial section).

Barry McCleary, CEO and owner of Megazyme said, *'We are delighted and proud to be a supporter of the Starting Strong programme. The ability, drive and ambition of female entrepreneurs in Ireland need to be harnessed, so they can add value to our economy. We recognise that Starting Strong gives female entrepreneurs help when they most need it, right from the start.'*

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