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DURHAM, N.H. - The mysterious work of Lonza Biologics will be the focus of the next meeting of the University of New Hampshire CEO Forum Thursday, May 8, 2008.

Michael Cicio, vice president of operations and site manager of Lonza Biologics, will discuss "Lonza Biologics, Inc. What goes on inside those four walls?" at 9 a.m. at the New England Center in Durham. Coffee and networking begins at 8 a.m. and a full buffet breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.

Lonza Biologics of Portsmouth is part of the Lonza Group headquartered in Switzerland. With more than 650 employees at Pease, it specializes in the production of high-quality biotherapeutic products from cell cultures. It provides a full range of manufacturing capacity from small clinical scale up through 20,000 liter scale for commercial supply.

Cicio has 22 years of biotechnology experience, with a focus in manufacturing and contract management. Previous to Lonza, he was employed with Wyeth for 15 years where he oversaw drug substance contract manufacturing. He has experience with manufacturing technologies, technology transfer, process optimization, process validation, and facility start up, including equipment validation.

The deadline to register is May 5, 2008. To register or become a member of the UNH CEO Forum, call Barbara Draper at 603-862-1107, or e-mail her at barbara.draper@unh.edu. The event is free to members and $49 for nonmembers.

Initiated in 1997, the UNH CEO Forum is an outreach program of the UNH Whittemore School of Business and Economics and the UNH Graduate School serving CEOs, presidents, and senior managers of companies in northern New England. The forum provides its members with opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with their peers in business and industry in an informal setting. The UNH CEO Forum is sponsored by the law firm of Pierce Atwood, Ocean Bank and Snowden Associates. For more information about the CEO Forum, visit http://www.unh-ceoforum.org/.

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