Large Scale Cell Culture Inline Caustic Dilution System

Confidential Client



MANDATE

Exentec was retained to design and construct an inline buffer dilution system to support the manufacture of monoclonal antibodies (mAb's) at a confidential client site. This scope was in support of the site's Phase 2 expansion. During Phase 1, Exentec had provided multiple large pre-viral and post-viral ultrafiltration and diafiltration process skids to the site.

Confidential client is a global biopharmaceutical company whose mission is to discover, develop and deliver innovative medicines that help patients prevail over serious diseases. Over the past decade confidential client has invested >\$1B on major expansions at its biologic's facility designed to accelerate development of the company's growing portfolio of biologics medicines. Included among these expansions was the addition of a lab office cafeteria (LOC) building for administrative support, large-scale cell culture (LSCC) building for the production of high-volume product, biologics development building (BDB) for designing processes for the early production of investigational medicines, and a clinical manufacturing building (CMB) where investigational medicines will be produced to support clinical trials. All told these projects represent the single largest capital investment in confidential client's history and signal the company's transformation from a traditional pharmaceutical company into a global biopharmaceutical powerbouse

DESCRIPTION | FEATURES | BENEFITS

The inline buffer dilution skid allowed the confidential client to prepare buffer solutions over a wide range of concentrations by diluting 8N sodium hydroxide solution to 5N, 0.5N and 0.1N solutions for process and clean-in-place operations. The system design included the option to dilute caustic solution concentrations directly by volume using mass flow meters and/or conductivity measurements. This skid supplied diluted product to a buffer hold tank held at 350mbar.

- Dilute 8N NaOH to 5N, 0.5N and 0.1N,
- Final dilution accuracy <1.5% based on flowrate while operating
- in closed loop flow control, and
- Final dilution flow rate ~45 LPM @ 30 psig at skid outlet

Controls: AB based control system with SCADA communicating with plant DeltaV supervisor.



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SECTOR OF ACTIVITY:

Biopharmaceutical

CLIENT:

Confidential Client

YEAR OF COMPLETION:

2016

TOTAL PROJECT COST:

Confidential

EXENTEC PROJECT VALUE:

Confidential Value

DELIVERABLES

- 1 Process / mechanical deliverables
 - Piping and instrumentation diagrams
 - Equipment list with utility requirements
 - Module layout / model
 - Line list
 - Equipment data sheets
 - Component list
 - Instrument data sheets
- 2 Electrical deliverables
 - Control system architecture (CSA) drawing
 - Electrical / control system / solenoid panel
 - Motor and power list
 - Power distribution one line diagram(s)
 - Interconnect wiring drawing(s)
 - DeviceNet segment drawing(s)
- 3 FAT deliverables
 - System commissioning plan
 - Commissioning and performance test
 - Review existing system documentation
- 4 Equipment fabrication & FAT execution

Services provided:

Exentec scope of work included:

- Mechanical/electrical/process engineering
- Automation, instrumentation, & controls
- Equipment fabrication
- Factory acceptance testing
- Field installation design

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