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## New Technical Director at Tillery Valley

Tillery Valley, the award-winning prepared meals manufacturer based in Abertillery, has appointed a new Technical Director.

Cath Lillow, from Abergavenny, has worked at Tillery Valley for 16 years and her new role will see her leading the continuous improvement of the food safety, quality, and environmental management systems at Tillery Valley. Cath will be responsible for a team of 40 members of staff, including the technical, site hygiene and product development teams.

Tillery Valley is the largest employer in Abertillery, employing more than 350 people. The organisation primarily supplies chilled and frozen food to the healthcare sector and supplies up to 600,000 prepared meals a week to approximately 120 hospitals and trusts around the UK.

Cath has built up a great deal of experience with Tillery Valley since joining the company in 1996 as a microbiologist, and has progressed through a range of roles including food technologist, facilities manager, environment and sustainability manager and Technical manager. As Technical Director, Cath will now be responsible for managing internal procedures and monitoring compliance to ensure Tillery Valley meets international standards in food safety and management.

Cath holds a BSc in Biology and Geography from Bristol University, and an MSc in Environmental Impact Assessment from Aberystwyth University.

Cath said: "I am very pleased to have been given the opportunity to take on this new role. I am committed to driving the Technical and Product Development strategies for the site and will ensure that the Tillery Valley continues to gain the competitive advantage it is worthy of."

Phil Hall, Site Director at Tillery Valley, said: "We are delighted to have appointed Cath as the new Technical Director here, and are confident that her wealth of skills and experience will ensure that the high standards continue to be met and innovative working procedures are introduced."