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## **Sigma Breakthrough Technologies, Inc. (SBTI) Announces Partnership with Inogen Environmental Alliance**

**San Marcos, TX, October 24, 2004** - Sigma Breakthrough Technologies, Inc., an international business process solutions consulting firm announced today that they have partnered with Inogen

HSSE costs & impact are often considered to be just burdens that have to be carried by businesses and sometimes very little is done to understand them and control them. Six Sigma / Lean deployments driven top-down identify key drivers for the business and for most business these include Cost, Revenue Growth, Safety and Working Capital. HSSE impacts all these drivers and represent great opportunity in a deployment, yet are often glossed over. Consider the following HSSE impacts on the four drivers: Safety, Cost, Growth and Cash/Working Capital.

Ian Wedgwood, PhD, Executive Champion of Sigma Breakthrough Technologies, Inc. commented: "Historically, the challenge of reducing HSSE cost and working capital whilst improving safety and generating growth seemed insurmountable with traditional approaches, but these are reasonably straightforward goals in a Six Sigma and Lean deployment, provided that the right tools are used for the right issues."

SBTI and Inogen have developed a systematic approach to revitalizing the HSSE function in your company. The tiered approach of Perform, Optimize, Transform can take an under-resourced, under-skilled, underperforming HSSE group, perceived as a mere cost to a business, to one that brings true value to the future growth of the company.

### **About Sigma Breakthrough Technologies, Inc.**

Sigma Breakthrough Technologies, Inc. (SBTI) is a global management consulting firm specializing in deployment of Six Sigma and Lean methodologies with an expansive portfolio of products and services to improve businesses enterprise-wide, in all disciplines, at all levels. SBTI has worked with companies in a variety of industries including healthcare, chemical manufacturing, assembly, transportation, power generation and distribution; companies like 3M, Cummins, Eastman Chemical, Fairchild Semiconductor, Boston Scientific, PPG and Tyco. SBTI is headquartered in Central Texas, with offices on the East Coast, Europe, South America and China.

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