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Olympic Gold Medallist helps Abbott employees fit fitness into their work lives

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Photo caption: 2008 Olympic Gold Medallist and World Champion cyclist, Nicole Cooke (pictured second right with Abbott employees), visits the UK headquarters of Abbott to open the company's newly revamped staff gym.



Background

The opening follows a cross-company campaign to encourage Abbott employees to “Fit Fitness into your Work Life”, which included low-fat lunches in the canteen, a prize draw for a mountain bike (in aid of the Children’s Heart Federation) and discounts on Abbott’s EAS sports nutrition range of products.

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“It’s great to see a company take their staff’s health and fitness so seriously,” said Nicole who herself enjoys the benefits of EAS sports nutrition. “Regardless of whether you’re training for the Olympics or preparing for an important meeting, regular exercise and a balanced diet will help you maintain peak performance.”

About Nicole Cooke

Road race cyclist, Nicole Cooke, achieved an historic ‘double’ win by becoming Olympic and World Champion in the same year, 2008. She has since set about forming a ladies’ racing team – Vision 1 Racing – to encourage other women to flourish in the sport.

For more information on Nicole, please visit her website at: www.nicolecooke.com

About Abbott

Abbott is a global, broad-based healthcare company devoted to the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical products, including nutritionals, devices and diagnostics. The company employs more than 72,000 people and markets its products in more than 130 countries.

Abbott has been operating in the UK for more than 70 years and currently has operations in Maidenhead, Berkshire (UK Headquarters), Kent, Lancashire, the Midlands and Oxfordshire. An Investor in People and one of the UK’s Top 50 Best Workplaces for 2009, Abbott employs more than 2,000 people nationwide.

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