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Biobest Expands in Major Relocation to Edinburgh Technopole

10 Jobs Created at New Scottish Headquarters

Biobest, one of the UK's leading authorities in veterinary virology and DNA diagnostics, is relocating its Scottish headquarters as part of a major expansion likely to create up to 10 new jobs.

The company, currently pioneering the commercial application of stem cell growth from equine bone marrow, is moving to Edinburgh Technopole in Midlothian, the world-class science park jointly developed by the University of Edinburgh and Grosvenor.

Biobest, which currently employs 28 people, is relocating from its present location at the neighbouring Pentlands Science Park to occupy a 4,800 sq ft wing of Technopole's Charles Darwin House - almost doubling its current capacity.

Edinburgh Technopole is part of a major cluster of world-class scientific institutes situated in the Midlothian area, known as the Edinburgh Science Triangle. Companies based there include the Pentlands Science Park, The Roslin and Moredun Institutes, Scottish Veterinary Field Station (Dick VET) and the Natural Environmental Research Council (NERC). Currently, the area is home to more than 30 companies employing around 1500 highly-skilled workers.

David Snodgrass, Managing Director of Biobest, says the company will benefit from Technopole's location at the heart of the Edinburgh Science Triangle. "As the company expands at Technopole, we need to continue to maintain close links with the Pentlands Science Park, and the fact that it is literally next door to the park is a major bonus for us.

"Collaboration with like-minded organisations is the way forward for our industry, and Edinburgh Technopole, together with its links to the University's world-renowned research base, is ideally suited to meet this need."

Biobest is a specialist veterinary virology, serology and DNA diagnostics business. The company has been trading since 1995 and specialisms include including cell culture, virus culture, serology, molecular biology and high security laboratories.

The company's diagnostic arm provides testing services for a wide range of species including birds, dogs, cats, cattle, horses, pigs and fish. The company is also the principal provider of rabies serology tests in Europe, participating in the relevant pet travel schemes. Biobest Research supplies specialist research, contract and laboratory support services in infectious diseases and cell culture.

Ian Murphy, Director of Edinburgh Technopole, says: "Biobest will join other leading-edge technology and research companies at Technopole.

"We are steadily building a thriving business environment at the Park, where companies can share resources and ideas allowing for cross-fertilisation of different disciplines and synergy between different projects. The steady expansion of companies moving to Technopole justifies our confidence in Scotland as a leading centre of excellence for the UK's science and technology sector."

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Notes to Editors

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- Edinburgh Technopole is a joint venture between the University of Edinburgh and property company Grosvenor. It occupies 126 acres of rolling parkland on the Bush Estate, south of Edinburgh.
- Technopole offers to 500,000 sq ft (46,450 sq m) of high quality research and development space and aims to develop the commercial opportunities created by the University's celebrated record of pioneering scientific research.

- State-of-the-art brick and glass buildings are linked by high speed fibre-optic broadband connectivity, while newly-built access roads links the park to its neighbours. Tenants are located in four main locations:
 - Charles Darwin House: Indigo Vision; Xilinx; Biobest
 - Technopole Centre: Texonet; i4 Product Design; Purple Patch Wireless; Business Equilibrium.
 - Bush House: Coeval; BEST; Henzteeth; Future Factory; Sigma Seven; Lightfolio
 - Fleming Building

- Also located at Technopole is the Advanced Computer Facility which is home to IBM's Blue Gene, regarded as the world's fastest supercomputer, and the internationally renowned QCDOC. The facility will be jointly administered by IBM and the Edinburgh Parallel Computer Centre.