



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

REGIONAL NEWS

Innovation: The East of England Development Agency (EEDA), Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and Babraham Bioscience Technologies Ltd (BBT) have agreed to invest £2 million towards the construction of a new incubator, named 'Meditrina'. Construction will commence in September 2006 and is due to be completed in September 2007. As bioscience is one of East of England's fastest growing sectors, this investment is expected to cultivate future growth, stated David Marlow, Chief Executive of EEDA.

New Initiatives: NWDA has agreed that Envirolink Northwest will manage a £35,000 study into LED lighting in the region. This initiative has been undertaken with a view to establishing a solid state lighting sector in the UK. Incidentally, the North West Energy Forum, with guidance from Envirolink Northwest, is due to hold an event at Manchester Airport on Energy Efficient Lighting, following its recent success hosting events on topics such as Renewable Energies and Energy to Waste.

International Trade: International Trade Centre has launched the 'Passport to International Trade Success' Programme (PITS). The aim is to support SMEs to develop their international markets. The programme is available to 100 northwest SMEs within ERDF Objective 2 whose current exports are between 15-40% of total turnover. For more information please contact Gemma Clarke or Radka Obrtelova on 0161 237 4145 or e-mail at itc@chamber-link.co.uk.

Other: Envirolink Northwest is due to publish the second magazine highlighting new and important energy efficiency products and services in the region. This will be distributed to the region's major energy users and companies that have undertaken Carbon Trust energy efficiency surveys. The first issue created business for featured companies and thus is expected with the prospect of the second issue.

Work has begun on Scotland's specialist chemical and manufacturing park, Earls Gate Park costing approximately £50 million. This is a joint venture between Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley and international chemical company KemFine. Grangemouth was strategically chosen for the site as it was identified as the hub of Scotland's chemical industry in Scottish Enterprise's recent Strategic Investment Plan. Twenty businesses will have the opportunity to be accommodated at the new park on completion, ultimately being on hand to be involved in proposed projects that will be located at Earls Gate Park.

Advantage West Midlands and Midlands Aerospace Alliance are working together to attract occupants and investors to the area around the Wolverhampton-South Staffordshire border where the aerospace site 'i54' is undergoing development proposals. Proposals for the site include a 'Technology Gateway' of iconic buildings for hi-technology companies and business support services, high quality offices and a small business village. As Wolverhampton is already recognised as a centre of excellence for the aerospace industry, major investment in i54 is an excellent opportunity for the investors, UK aerospace industry and the West Midlands region itself.

IN GENERAL

'Ennovation', the UKFEI's business magazine which showcases best practice in the environmental goods and services sector around the UK – latest issue now available. Contact g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk for your copy.

UK Trade & Investment's Meet the Buyer event at RWM at the NEC on 13th September promises to be as popular as ever. To book your meeting go to www.meetthebuyer2006.co.uk or tel. 0115 947 5666 for more information.

Consultations:

- ◆ Consultation Paper on Draft Marine Minerals, Dredging Regulations and Procedural Guidance. Deadline 28th August 2006. See www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1500386.
- ◆ Consultation on the Revision of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Circular and on Draft EIA Guidance. Deadline 22nd September 2006. See www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1500996.
- ◆ Consultation from the Olympic Delivery Authority on its draft Procurement Policy. Deadline 2nd October 2006. See <http://www.london2012.org/en/gettinginvolved/Business/ODA+Procurement+Policy.htm>

DIARY DATES

Energy Efficiency Workshop- Pumps and Compressed Air, Vauxhall: 1st August 2006. Informal workshop enabling 20 selected companies to share information about relevant products and services. For more information contact David Hall, d.hall@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk.

5th International Conference on Sustainable Energy Technologies, Vicenza, Italy: 30th August-1st September 2006. Visit <http://www2.gest.unipd.it/SET2006/>

Contaminated Land and Brownfield Remediation, Central London: 19-20th September 2006. This is the fourth annual conference and is targeted as being *the forum for contaminated land professionals*. It is in conjunction with the BB Remediation Innovation Awards. For more information contact Antonia Mitchell, conference@newzeve.com.

Entsorga-Enteco, Cologne: 24th-27th October 2006. This is an international trade fair for waste management and environmental technology, which aims to attract delegates from a wide range of sectors. For more information see http://www.entsorga.com/wEnglisch/entsorga/img/dokumente/Salesfolder_Entsorga_englisch.pdf.

For a full events list visit EIForum's events calendar. Visit www.eiforum.org.uk to register (free) and access the calendars for 2006 and 2007 under the 'News' tab.

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