



## Institute of Life Science Phase Two

### Statement from the Head of the School of Medicine, Swansea University

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The School of Medicine at Swansea University warmly welcomes today's announcement from the First Minister and his ministerial colleagues.

The Institute of Life Science Phase Two is one of the most significant, recent developments in research and development in Wales. Its vision is simple - to deliver both better health and a stronger economy to the people of Wales and beyond. This vision is supported by an exceptional infrastructure of high performance computing, imaging and mass spectrometry, together with an internationally-recognised cohort of medical and healthcare research specialists – and by an innovation enterprise that drives the development of new diagnostics and therapeutics from research.

Building on the success of the first phase opened in 2007, the newly-expanded Institute of Life Science (ILS) will provide over 11,000 square metres of state-of-the-art, contiguous facilities located on Swansea University and Abertawe Bro-Morgannwg University NHS Trust land.

Both phases of the ILS have been made possible by funding received from the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Union, and by substantial industrial research and development contributions. Phase One was supported by Objective One funding and Phase Two will be supported by Convergence funding. This has been a critical element in developing a sustainable venture together with support from industrial partners - notably IBM and Alliance Boots - and from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University NHS Trust.

The ILS already has a reputation for innovative, translational medical research. That is, research that is translated into better medicines, devices and healthcare for people. It does this in the spirit of 'Open Innovation', embracing links with other academic disciplines world wide (but especially Engineering at Swansea University itself), businesses in Wales and beyond and organisations such as the National Health Service.

The announcement today allows all those involved to now get on with the job of delivering a first-class research and development enterprise to the people of the Wales.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Where is ILS Phase Two?**

The building will be located adjacent to ILS Phase One on Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University NHS Trust land, at Singleton Park. This remains subject to planning permission.

### **Who's involved?**

The ILS is a multi-partner project, supported by European Union Convergence Funding through the Welsh Assembly Government; the Welsh Assembly Government Department of Health; the School of Medicine at Swansea University and the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University NHS Trust.

### **What's the value of ILS Phase Two?**

£28.8million - bringing the total value of the Institute of Life Science to over £90million.

### **What's the timeline?**

Subject to planning permission, completion is targeted for Summer 2011.

### **What will be in ILS Phase Two?**

- A state-of-the-art Clinical Research Facility
- An Imaging Centre with world-class infrastructure
- The Centre for NanoHealth, a new collaboration with Swansea University's School of Engineering
- The School of Medicine's Health Services Research Centre
- Cutting edge Health Informatics Research Laboratories
- An expanded Business Acceleration Centre with up to 15 additional units available for high-growth companies in the sector
- The School of Medicine's Innovation and Enterprise team

### **How many people will work there?**

Over 200 people bringing the total ILS population to over 400

### **How many jobs will it create?**

Within the three year project funding lifecycle the aim is to create 400 high-value jobs. The 650 quoted in the First Minister's announcement includes 250 further jobs targeted following the three year funding period. Both figures include forecasts for those directly employed by the project, those employed by directly-associated (eg business incubation) organisations and those employed by organisations located or locating in the area due to the ILS 'cluster effect' including employment growth in existing organisations.