Johnson Matthey to open new battery application centre at Milton Park

Johnson Matthey ("JM"), the global leader in sustainable technologies, is to open a new battery application centre at the business and science community of Milton Park in Oxfordshire. JM has taken 22,857 sq ft (2,123 sq m) over three floors at 142 Park Drive consisting of a newly built office and laboratory development.

JM is developing next generation battery materials with improved energy density (so the mileage of battery electric vehicles between charges can be increased), pulse power (for improved acceleration) and safety, while minimising the use of expensive and scarce raw material such as cobalt. JM’s family of ultra-high energy density eLNO® cathode active materials delivers improvements in all these critical performance areas.

Dan Baker, Financial Director, Battery Materials at Johnson Matthey said: “Our site at Milton Park will be at the leading edge of battery technology. We will use our science and problem-solving ability here to work with leading automotive companies to develop tailored solutions for their applications. JM is a global leader in science and we believe this site will help us in our mission to make the world cleaner and healthier."

Bidwells, the property consultancy, acted on behalf of Johnson Matthey and is currently assisting with their fit out works.

Philip Campbell, commercial director, Milton Park added: “We’re honoured and excited for Johnson Matthey to join the Milton Park community. We’re proud that the existing community and Park has attracted this global company to make Milton Park a home for their pioneering battery technology centre. The buildings at Park Drive East were designed for optimum flexibility and we’re looking forward to seeing how Johnson Matthey uses the building to house both laboratories and offices. We wish them continued success as they unlock the answers to the exciting future that is battery technology."

The letting to Johnson Matthey has meant that 142 Park Drive is fully let. RM, a leading supplier of technology and resources to the education sector, supporting schools, teachers and pupils across the globe, and an existing Milton Park occupier, relocated into part of the building earlier this year. RM moved from 140 Eastern Avenue to take 17,927 sq ft (1,665 sq m) across two floors.
Notes to editors

About Milton Park
Milton Park is a globally recognised science and business park, a working environment that fuels innovation and sustainable growth for 250 dynamic businesses attracted by a deep pool of talent extending to over 9,000 people across a variety of sectors but primarily the science and technology industry.

Milton Park is a truly premium business park in Oxfordshire with exceptional transport links, outstanding amenities and a stunning natural landscape. All combining to create the best environment and atmosphere for businesses to excel. Milton Park is managed and developed by MEPC.

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MEPC understands the ever-changing needs of business and delivers property and place making solutions that are fit for purpose.

The business estates managed by MEPC accommodate over 350 organisations and circa 12,000 people working in manufacturing, professional services, and leading-edge science and technology. The on-site teams consistently exceed expectations through their professionalism, dedication and approachability.

Responsible property investment is important to the MEPC business strategy, meaning we work closely with all stakeholders in the communities we serve and are part of. The assets under MEPC management make a positive contribution to the economic welfare of the immediate areas both locally and nationally.

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