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Scientific Laboratory Supplies marks move to BioCity Scotland with Scottish Laboratory Show

Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS), the UK's largest independent British-owned supplier of scientific equipment, chemicals and consumables has relocated its Scottish operations to BioCity Scotland.

The move to the Newhouse bioscience business incubator signifies SLS's commitment to investing in science in Scotland and will consolidate its existing relationship with the wider BioCity Group. BioCity Scotland provides biotech, pharmaceutical and healthcare companies with high spec laboratories and office space, as well as access to expertise, finance and support. It already has more space occupied than any other incubator in Scotland.

To mark this stage in the company's development, SLS will host a Scottish Laboratory Show at BioCity Scotland on Thursday 29 October 2015.

The Laboratory Show, organised in association with the Science Council, is expected to attract up to 150 life science and bioscience business owners, University academics, laboratory managers and professional services experts with life science interests.

Keynote speaker Dr Susie Mitchell, Programme Director for Glasgow City of Science, will speak to guests about how the project is forming cross disciplinary partnerships to tap into the region's scientific potential. The day will also include a presentation by the Science Council, tours of the BioCity site, an exhibition and networking opportunities.

Peter Chapman, founder and CEO of Scientific Laboratory Supplies says: "We chose to relocate from Coatbridge to BioCity Scotland because I want to see our Scottish colleagues fully embedded in the life sciences community here. By joining this community of like-minded people, we can play our part in supporting world-class science innovation and its commercialisation."

BioCity Scotland was recently granted Enterprise Area status, which provides additional incentives for companies joining the facility. Other developments at the site include the

forthcoming launch of MediCity Scotland later this autumn, which will support the commercialisation of medical technologies, and the opening of the Innovation Hub for early stage companies.

Manager Director of BioCity Scotland, Diane Harbison adds: "Having SLS on site will add enormous value to the community here, both in terms of access to their laboratory product expertise and training, but also their willingness to network and share industry contacts with us. Thanks to the Scottish Government's recent announcement that BioCity is to become an Enterprise Area, we will also soon be able to offer SLS business rates relief, faster planning applications, skills support and assistance in accessing international markets. We are looking forward to helping Peter and his team with their ambitions for growth."

Commenting on the Scottish Laboratory Show, Ali Orr, Registrar for the Science Council says: "Supporting SLS in this event at BioCity Scotland allows us to highlight the role and value of the entrepreneurial scientist, especially to the Scottish economy. The life sciences cluster continues to grow and events such as this show can act as a catalyst for further collaboration."

To register a place at the Scottish Laboratory Show on Thursday 29 October go to <http://tinyurl.com/ohk6plo>