<u>Construction consultancy choses</u> <u>Cardiff for its new site</u>

Scitech Engineering provides design, engineering, construction and validation services for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. It was established in 2002 and now boasts a turnover of £18m and a staff of over 130 employees.

The company has recently enjoyed another period of growth and after a growing client list along the M4 and M5 corridor and within South Wales, and following discussions with the Welsh Government, the company decided to locate its new office at Cardiff Gate.

Scitech's move to Wales was secured partly as a result of the Welsh Government's offer of continued financial support over three years which will help to secure an additional 20 skilled and well paid jobs over 3 years.

Economy Secretary, Ken Skates said:

"I am delighted that following an offer of Welsh Government support, Scitech has chosen Cardiff as the location for its new office, bringing with it 20 highly skilled and well paid jobs.

As set out in my Economic Action Plan, these are exactly the types of jobs we are keen to attract to Wales in order to future proof our economy and build the strong foundations that we need to ensure inclusive economic growth."

Dave Grant, Managing Director at Scitech said:

"Welsh Government financial initiatives and support have been a key driver for Scitech to locate in the region. When assessed against other locations, the interest and confidence shown in Scitech by the Welsh Government team provided the motivation to commit to a Wales-based site for our expansion."

David Jackson, Chairman & amp; Director at Scitech said:

"We are excited by the opportunities that our new office in Cardiff is already bringing. We are grateful to Welsh Government and to Cardiff Council' s Economic Development Team who have been invaluable in our evaluation of Wales and in particular selecting Cardiff for locating our latest office in Scitech's continued expansion. The support of both partners continues today to ensure our investment is successful and we look forward to a thriving future in Wales."

Scitech is a global company, with offices in Belgium and the Netherlands and a portfolio of prestigious clients, notably in the region: BBI, BTG, Cardiff University, Convatec, GE Healthcare, Ortho Clinical Diagnostics and PCI Pharma Services – a Scitech project in Tredegar that was the ISPE international award winner for Facility Integration in 2014.

Since 2012 it has been owned as an Employee Benefit Trust: a Board of Trustees manage the company on behalf of all staff for the long term benefit of all employees, ensuring Scitech remains independent and focused on delivering Perfect Outcomes for its clients.