

Sigma Seven maps bright future at Edinburgh Technopole

Sigma Seven has reaffirmed its commitment to Edinburgh Technopole, doubling its office space at the world class science and business park at the Bush Estate, south Edinburgh.

The leading supplier of mobile mapping and workflow systems has negotiated a deal to lease an additional 600 sq ft space at Bush House, following significant business growth in 2009.

The deal follows a strong start to the year for Sigma Seven, with new market wins in the environmental and public sectors, and an expansion of its team to fifteen – an increase of 25% in the last six months.

Paul Reid, managing director at Sigma Seven, said: “It’s an exciting time for Sigma Seven, with recent customer wins in new markets and further investment in our products from existing clients. We have also strengthened our team significantly, putting us in an excellent position to move forward with our growth plans.

“We’re pleased that Edinburgh Technopole has been able to support our expansion at our existing premises, helping us minimise disruption to the team and enabling us to continue to benefit from the superb working environment and facilities at the park.”

Edinburgh Technopole is a joint venture between The University of Edinburgh and developer Grosvenor, offering 100,000 sq ft of existing high quality office and lab space together with potential for new space totalling 500,000 sq ft. A hub for technology and innovation, it is currently home to over 20 leading Scottish and international companies and a highly skilled workforce.

Donna Cameron at Grosvenor added: “This is a very positive deal for both Sigma Seven and Edinburgh Technopole. Space for expansion is a key consideration for many of our occupiers and we work hard to accommodate business needs at all stages in a company’s development. We look forward to working with Sigma Seven as they continue to go from strength to strength.”

Sigma Seven has been based in the stables building at Bush House, the impressive country mansion at the heart of Edinburgh Technopole, since 2003. Bush House offers over 5,000 sq ft of premium office space on flexible leases.

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Notes to Editors:

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- Edinburgh Technopole is a joint venture between The University of Edinburgh and property company Grosvenor.
- Technopole offers to 500,000 sq ft (46,450 sq m) of high quality space suitable for knowledge businesses. State-of-the-art brick and glass buildings are linked by high speed fibre-optic broadband connectivity, while access roads link the park to its neighbours. Serviced office facilities are also available.
- With flexible properties and leasing options, allowing companies to expand on the park, Edinburgh Technopole attracts high calibre companies of all sizes bringing with them highly skilled and well-paid jobs to the area.
- Edinburgh Technopole has a business community of 22 companies and 350 employees. Businesses at the park collaborate both with each other and with the University creating a hub for technology and innovation:
 - Charles Darwin House: IndigoVision; Xilinx; Biobest
 - The Technopole Centre: TexoNet; i4 Product Design; Catalyst2; Property Log Book; Covidien
 - Bush House: AAI Pharma: Coeval; BEST; Henzteeth; Sigma Seven; Lightfolio; Wish Software; 3MRT; Dukosi; Intrelate; Blackwood Investments; Rosebery Chartered Accountants and Forth Photonics.
 - The Fleming Building: Kendle
- Edinburgh Technopole is part of a major cluster of world-class scientific institutes situated in the Midlothian area, known as the Edinburgh Science Triangle. Organisations based there include the Pentlands Science Park, The Roslin and Moredun Institutes, The University of Edinburgh's Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies and the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology run by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). Currently, the area is home to more than 100 companies employing around 1500 highly-skilled workers.