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FIRST BUILDING ON TECHNOCITY CAMPUS NEARING COMPLETION

Just months after the foundation stone was laid at Pallippuram, the work on Technocity, a technology park and integrated township in the capital city, is going full throttle.

Technopark authorities have confirmed that the construction of the first building is fast nearing completion and is expected to be over within the stipulated time period.

At present, construction works of the power station and the water tank at the project site have been completed. "All works of the first building at Technocity are expected to be completed by May 2019," said Vasanth Varada, Manager, Business Development, Technopark. The first building at the site with two lakh sq.ft. built up area is owned by Technopark.

FIRST DIGITISED SUBSTATION

At present, the floor work of the building is in progress without any schedule delay till date. Meanwhile the works of the digital electrical substation and 20 lakh-litre water tank at the site have been completed.

A main feature of the digitised substation is that it can be operated remotely. Also, the advanced safety features of the substation will significantly reduce accidents. Although the total power demand for Technocity campus is expected to be 80 MVA (mega volt amp), it can be augmented



during future expansion. Construction works of roads connecting the building infrastructure are also nearing completion.

OPPORTUNITIES GALORE

The power station and water tank are expected to cater to the requirements of new IT buildings in Technocity. Spread across 424 acres, SunTec, TCS, Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management –

Kerala (IIITM-K), Kerala Academy for Skill Excellence (KASE) and Japanese manufacturer Nissan have been allotted sites for building infrastructure at Technocity.

With the recent entry of Nissan to Technocity more foreign establishments are expected to follow.

President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone of the project last year. The IT project is estimated to cost Rs. 105.44 crore.

TECHNOPARK BUILDING GETS GOLD RATING

The Ganga-Yamuna twin tower IT building at Phase 3 of Technopark has been awarded the Indian Green Building Council's (IGBC) 'LEED India Gold' Rating. The award was received by Hrishikesh Nair, CEO, IT Parks Kerala and Madhavan Praveen, DGM-Projects, in the presence of Soumini Jain, Mayor of Kochi, at a function held in Kochi on June 5.

The certification levels of IGBC are under four categories, certified, silver, gold and platinum. The Ganga-Yamuna twin tower has received national recognition by earning the Gold rating.

IGBC will review the building based on sustainable architecture and



design, water conservation and energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, optimum utilisation of energy and innovation and development.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a leading programme for green buildings and communities worldwide.

QuEST TO ACQUIRE BARCELONA-BASED ENGICOM

QuEST Global, a leading engineering services provider, has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Barcelona-based Engineering Community S.L. (engicom), thus adding additional sought-after capability of Research & Development in the manufacturing cycle of new products.

This acquisition is the latest in a series of similar milestones achieved by QuEST in sync with their rapid diversification strategy. With this, QuEST will boost their onshore presence in Europe, providing significant development efficiency and delivery time benefits to customers across industries, especially in Power, Automotive and Hi-Tech. A highly specialized engineering co-development partner for OEMs and product innovators, engicom has wide experience spanning close to two decades along the entire product development and manufacturing value chain. Crystallizing their expertise in various verticals, engicom has developed a series of advanced mechanical components that simplify supply chain and ensure continuous improvement for manufacturers.

Ajit Prabhu, Chairman & CEO, QuEST Global said, "We are constantly looking for outstanding engineering talent and capability to create



With the acquisition, QuEST aims to boost its onshore presence in Europe



solutions for our engineering customers. engicom's founders, who are passionate engineers themselves, have deep experience in new product development and all associated engineering services in Wind, Automotive and Hi-Tech sectors."

"Founded in 2002, engicom is led

by Adria Roca, Eduard Ferreró and Lluís Raurich. They have a strong team of design engineers with an excellent capability to build and run test rigs for developing innovative, lightweight and reliable engineering solutions. We will use their capability to bring low cost mechanical test rig design and development solutions to our world-wide clients," he added.

Lluís Raurich, CEO of engicom said, "The combination of engicom and QuEST brings great opportunities for our customers and employees in Spain. Our capabilities in providing cutting-edge engineering solutions and QuEST's expertise in software and mechanical domains will create advanced service offerings and unmatched value for our customers. As a global organization, we will be able to serve new and larger customers in Spain, create more high-skilled engineering jobs, and make a more significant contribution to the economy."

Over the last two decades, QuEST has grown at a consistently rapid pace, both organically and otherwise. This is the sixth in a series of acquisitions they made in Europe. QuEST Global (www.quest-global.com) is a solutions partner to many of the world's most recognized Fortune 500 brands.



TEJUS OBSERVES WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY AT TECHNOPARK

Technopark, through its blood donation forum Tejus, conducted a slew of programmes to observe the World Blood Donor Day on June 14. The programmes were organised in partnership with Terumo Penpol and Federation of Indian Blood Donors Organizations (FIBDO) at Travancore Hall in the Park.

The event was inaugurated by Dr K Vasuki IAS, District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram. Lida Jacob IAS (Rtd.) conducted a presentation on 'Vision 2020' programme. There was also a panel discussion on 'Handling the blood storage in Trivandrum by bridging the gap between blood banks and Technopark', moderated by G Vijayaraghavan, former CEO, Technopark. Companies, institutions, motivators, NGOs that promote blood donation and regular donors were



felicitated at the event.

Gemini Software Solutions, Prayan Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Flytext Mobile Solutions Pvt. Ltd., and Infospica Consultancy Services were among the companies honoured.

Vijayaraghavan also launched 'Bloodlink', a mobile app for promot-

ing voluntary blood donation. The app has been developed by Gemini Software Solutions.

'My Technopark' also conducted a blood donation camp, in connection with the event where Collector Vasuki and Hrishikesh Nair, CEO, IT Parks Kerala donated blood.

EXACORE OPENS OFFICE AT INFOPARK, KORATTY

Exacore IT Solutions, an offshoot of Lonar Group Consulting Services, has opened its international business unit at Infopark, Koratty. Concentrating on export business, the company will soon be catering to the markets of Middle East, Europe, Africa and the US. Two main ERPs it will be taking to the overseas market are Oracle Fusion ERP and Logo Infosot, a global ERP leader. "We are taking into consideration other strategic locations

where we are planning to open our offices," says Shainesh Prakashan, Director and CEO, Exacore IT Solutions and Lonar Group. Lonar Group is a leading Oracle Solutions and Program Management Partner providing customers solutions for enterprise IT needs. Exacore is a leading ERP consulting company with expertise in implementing Oracle Fusion solutions, Oracle On Premise solutions, SAP BI and Logo solutions.



TRAVANCORE ANALYTICS OPENS OFFICE AT INFOPARK



Travancore Analytics, a software development company, has achieved yet another milestone by opening a new office space at the Athulya building in Infopark, Kochi. The new space of 7000 square feet can accommodate around 100 employees. Experimenting with latest technology tools and trends, the new office has a Virtual Reality (VR) experience room. The office also has a happiness wall in the pantry where one can share daily life experiences that can help spread positivity among the employees. Headquartered at Technopark, the company has business offices in California and Bengaluru.