



## **MEETING NEEM BIOTECH**

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BIA and MediWales: Investing in innovation –

The future of life science in Wales

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## Neem the Garlic people?



# **Extracting valuable compounds from Plants**



# The formal description

## 3 areas of activity

- R&D on our own pipeline in areas of high unmet medical need and rare diseases (e.g. antimicrobial resistance, immunomodulation and metabolic diseases)
- Contract research using our expertise, technology and facilities to generate innovative, cost-effective solutions to extraction problems
- Limited bespoke, small scale manufacturing, manufacture of pilot batches.

## The Origin of Neem





#### **St Melons Cardiff Site**

1998

Neem is a spinout of Cardiff Chemicals, specialising in small drug like molecules from Plants

Privately owned and started by David Williams and Chandra Pant

## The Expansion of Neem





### **St Melons Cardiff Site**

1999

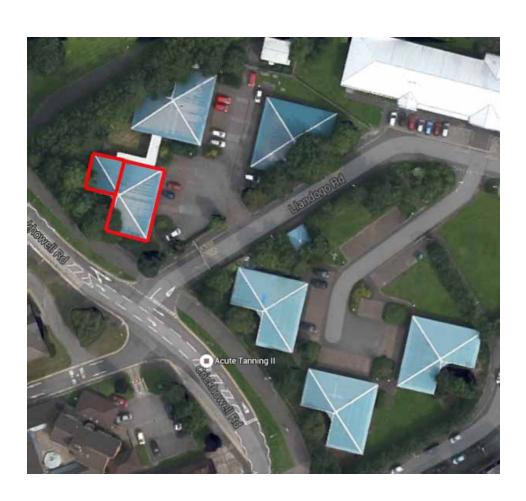
Neem Takes Unit 3 Willowbrook Tech units for lab space

850 sqft

Patents: 2

## The Expansion of Neem





#### **St Melons Cardiff Site**

2006

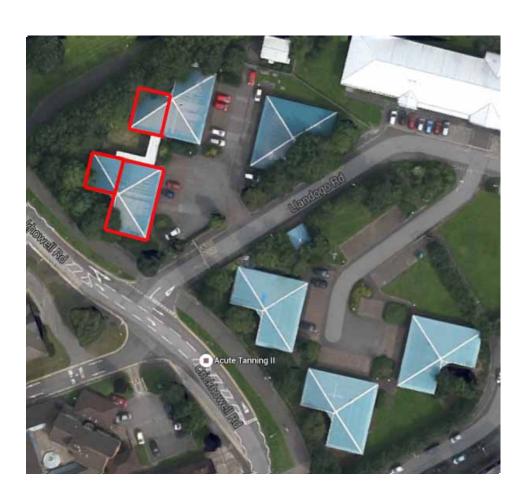
Neem takes units 2 and 3 to use as separate office and production areas.

2550 sqft

Patents: 3

## The Expansion of Neem





#### **St Melons Cardiff Site**

2012

Some additional lab space taken in unit 4.

3400 sqft

2012 Neem Purchased by



## **New Facility**





### **Abertillery**

#### 2015

- A desire to remain in south Wales as Neem has established a strong local network.
- Good Location for existing staff.
- Investment of £250,000 from the Welsh Government

Patents: 5



- 16000sqft
- Interior separate office space and large open shop floor
- Work started on refit late Q4 2015
- Perfect blank canvas







## **Opening Day of the new Facility**



### 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Commitment of Zaluvida to Invest 20 million into supporting Neem Biotech













## The Team from 6 to 18 (in 2015)



Small molecules

Enzymes and proteins

In-house microbiology

Pilot scale production

An assortment of talent and skills including Chemists, Biologist, Project managers, Engineers and Quality. Promoting our culture to mix disciplines and EXPECT creativity.



# New facilities and capabilities



Powder handling and finished goods packing 1013 sqft



- Pilot lab 725 sqft
- Production 2394 sqft



Analytical Lab 800 sqft



Chemistry and Biochemistry lab 1200 sqft



Class 2 Microbiology lab 800 sqft



# Production case study

## **Vetrinol Plus**

- A drench to treat subclinical mastitis in lactating cows obviating the need to dispose of the milk from the cow during treatment
- A Garlic based extract
- Developed in conjunction with InQpharm and distributed by InQvet
- Approved by Feed Standards agency Approved by GMP+







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## Case study CRO

**Project Brief –** To reduce the protein and polyphenol content of tobacco in order to reduce the amount of carcinogens in smoke.





**Solution -** To avoid toxic chemical we undertook a study using subcritical water, this is water heated above boiling point under pressure.

Process patented by BAT in 2014





# Case Study Pipeline Project

## **Animal Health**

- Provide a natural alternative to prevent and treat Footrot - the most common cause of lameness in sheep
- A viable alternative to carcinogenic chemicals / increasingly ineffective antibiotics
- Our Formulation Shows efficacy of formulation against
- Anaerobic bacteria in vitro
- Infectious condition in vivo
- 100 sheep field trial scheduled for 2016





# Case Study Pipeline Project Bio-pesticide



Aim: To develop a natural insecticide for the control of fly pests of intensive animal rearing.

Fly control in animal units is limited to the use of a small number of synthetic insecticides, which have environmental/health concerns attached to them.

Efficacy already tested at laboratory and mesocosm scales.

First field trial scheduled for May 2016.

Neem plans to register the product as a biopesticide.









# Case study Pipeline project Human health



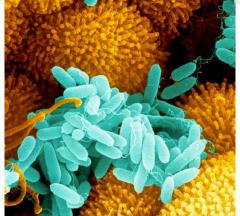
treatment for cystic fibrosis patients suffering with chronic *Pseudomonas* infections.

Tertiary metabolite of garlic-based

Product based on novel mechanisms of action, which can act as a platform technology in human health and animal health.

First human clinical trial is in planning with pre clinical work completing in 2016 and the trial scheduled for 2017.







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