

Victorian Premier congratulates Invetech's world-first manufacturing product developments

(Melbourne, Australia. – Feb. 18, 2010) The Victorian Premier John Brumby today visited product developer and manufacturer Invetech with Victorian Industry and Trade Minister Jacinta Allan to inspect its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and a series of innovative world-firsts including a 3D bio-printer for US life sciences company Organovo.

Speaking to a large media contingent, the Premier congratulated Invetech on its track record in designing, engineering and manufacturing breakthrough products, "Invetech is a leading example of a Victorian manufacturer leading the way not only nationally, but internationally in the innovation and biotech space.

"The Victorian Government Business Office Network supported Invetech to establish an office in California in 2002 which has helped the company leverage these global world-first opportunities.

"It's a great success story for this state, and my visit here today aims to recognise the significant contribution Invetech has made not only to Victorian manufacturing, but on the global innovation stage."

Invetech recently announced the delivery of the world's first commercial 3D bio-printer which the Premier described as world leading, "It really is the next frontier. This technology will pave the way for a new era in medical science that could see whole organs manually produced, eliminating the need for organ transplants and the emotional distress associated with waiting for an organ," Mr Brumby said.

The 3D bio-printer uses software to allow engineers to build a three dimensional model of the human tissue before the printer commences the physical constructions of the organs.

Addressing the media, Dr. Fred Davis, Managing Director of Invetech said, "We do innovative, challenging, tricky, game-changing product development and manufacturing at Invetech. We make life-changing products used in the treatment of cancer, HIV and Swine Flu. That's our business. We love it."

Dr Davis acknowledged the Victorian Government's support of Invetech's expansion overseas. "In 2002 we put two people into a Victorian Government Business Office in California, which kick-started our export growth. We now provide more than 300 manufacturing and engineering jobs and last year led 107 new product developments in 16 countries generating significant exports for Victoria and Australia."



Premier Brumby addresses the national media with Invetech's Managing Director, Fred Davis looking on.



The Premier inspects diagnostic instruments being manufactured in Victoria.



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About Invetech:

Invetech has been creating breakthrough products and custom automation systems for more than 30 years. With more than 200 staff, and experience drawn from over 5,000 projects, Invetech delivers product design and development, contract manufacturing and custom automation services to a range of global market sectors including diagnostics, life sciences, medical devices, cleantech, industrial and consumer products. Operating out of locations in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific, our clients range from start-ups to multi-nationals.

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<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/component/content/article/9533.html>

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