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## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

DYDDIAD / DATE: 22/08/2012

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Ruthin, Denbighshire

A Ruthin company expanded into larger premises and employed new workers after taking delivery of a £500,000 drilling rig - the largest in the UK.

Dragon Drilling paid a "substantial amount" for the 42-ton transportable borehole rig and are now adapting it to meet health and safety standards.

The arrival of the 20-metre high drill saw three jobs created at the Denbighshire firm, now operating out of Brickfield Lane.

They will handle the Comacchio 3000, which was driven from Italy on a low-loader over the weekend. One of the market leaders in the sector, co-directors Andrea Ellison and Frankie Hay said they have plans to grow Dragon Drilling further and take on more staff when they buy another rig in the near future.

Speaking exclusively to Business Post, Andrea said: "We are enjoying significant growth and that has allowed us to buy this rig and increase our workforce.

"We're a market leader in the environmental drilling sector but a lot of people still do not know about us. It's time we shouted about ourselves more. This rig will have a major impact on business and that is great news."

Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/local-news/denbigh/2012/08/22/ruthin-company-s-new-jobs-new-premises-and-the-uk-s-largest-drill-91466-31669671/#ixzz26pnM67dj>

DYDDIAD / DATE: 31/08/2012

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Rhyl Flats, Denbighshire

### New generation jack-up vessel arrives in the UK for first job at Gwynt y Môr

A NEW installation vessel, the first of its kind in the UK, has arrived into Cammell Laird Shipyard in Birkenhead in preparation for its first operational activity at Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm.

Read more

<http://www.rwe.com/web/cms/mediablob/en/1617260/data/1203864/1/rwe-innogy/sites/wind-offshore/under-construction/gwynt-y-mr-home/latest-news-and-information/blob.pdf>

DYDDIAD / DATE: 25/09/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Bangor, Gwynedd

### Draig Technology snapped up by meter firm

Bangor business Draig Technology has been bought by a Lancashire-based smart metering company.

Draig Technology, which supplies customer relationship management software to electricity supply companies, has been acquired by Darwen-based Utilisoft, a subsidiary of listed company Bglobal. The business was bought in a cash deal worth £675,000. Vendor Richard Sheppard will remain with the Draig Technology for the next six months.

Tim Jackson-Smith, chief executive of Bglobal, said the company's board believes the group is "well positioned" to become the "trusted provider" of smart energy efficiency services.  
Read more

<http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/77373-bglobal-buys-software-supplier/index.html>

DYDDIAD / DATE: 14/07/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Irish Sea

### Irish Sea wind-farm proposals lodged with planning agency

Initial proposals have been submitted for a giant wind-farm development in the Irish Sea between Anglesey and the Isle of Man.

The joint venture between Centrica and a Danish energy company could see up to 440 turbines built. BBC Wales understands that no financial decisions have been made yet, nor planning applications submitted. It is one of a dozen sites around the UK where offshore windfarms could be built in the next 10 years. The initial proposals, involving Centrica and Dong Energy, have now been submitted to the UK government's National Infrastructure Planning agency.

Read more <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-18841026>

DYDDIAD / DATE: 28/08/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Flintshire

### Easy MCS opens North Wales training academy

Easy MCS has announced the opening of its new, state of the art training academy in Flintshire, North Wales. The Easy MCS academy will offer candidates the opportunity to experience hands-on training in a broad range of technologies at the brand new facilities.

The academy will be running training for a whole range of renewable technologies including; solar PV, solar thermal and ground and air source heat pumps. In addition to its renewables programme the academy will also be offering Green Deal specialised courses, thanks to Easy MCS's sister company – Easy Green Deal. The Easy Green Deal academy will offer training courses to help assessors become qualified Green Deal advisors. When the Green Deal launches in October, advisors will play an integral role in the rollout of the scheme by performing initial property assessments.

Read more  
[http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/news/easy\\_mcs\\_opens\\_north\\_wales\\_training\\_academy](http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/news/easy_mcs_opens_north_wales_training_academy)



DYDDIAD / DATE: 24/09/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Ynys Môn

### Nuclear plant plans move closer

Britain's plans for a new generation of nuclear plants will take a big step forward this week when three consortiums submit bids for Horizon, the energy group with licences to build nuclear reactors in Anglesey and Gloucestershire.

The battle for Horizon, a joint venture between German utilities RWE and Eon which the two put up for sale in March, amounts to a high-stakes contest between three different reactor types, with each consortium saying their design is the right foundation for Britain's coming nuclear renaissance.

Read more <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/98b50716-062d-11e2-a28a-00144feabdc0.html#axzz27YzFpj8Q>

## ADVANCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING

DYDDIAD / DATE: 12/09/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Flintshire

### Airbus owner and BAE Systems in merger talks

BAE Systems today confirmed that it is in merger talks with Airbus owner EADS to create the world's biggest aerospace and defence company.

The defence contractor said the companies were in a "discussions regarding a possible combination of their businesses".

BAE said hat a merger would create a "world class" group, which would have combined sales of £60bn.

It would employ around 220,000 staff worldwide and 48,000 in the UK alone.

EADS is a major employer in Wales, with 6,000 staff at its Airbus site at Broughton in Flintshire. It also employs around 900 at its Cassidian hi-tech security business in Newport.

Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2012/09/12/airbus-owner-and-bae-systems-in-merger-talks-91466-31823355/#ixzz27TXOMAqJ>



DYDDIAD / DATE: 10/09/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Deeside

### First Minister says Toyota Deeside is a 'Welsh success story'

THE Toyota car plant has been hailed a "Welsh success story" by First Minister Carwyn Jones. The Deeside plant, which Mr Jones will visit this morning, celebrates its 20th anniversary today. It began manufacturing in 1992 and employs more than 500 people. Over the last two decades it has produced several generations of engines, including the latest UK built Auris and Auris Hybrid.

Read more

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2012/09/10/first-minister-says-toyota-deeside-is-a-welsh-success-story-55578-31801244/>

## FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

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## LIFE SCIENCES

DYDDIAD / DATE: 09/08/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Wrexham

### Ipsen back in the black as sales rise

Wrexham pharmaceuticals company Ipsen Biopharm has returned to profit and racking up a £20m sales rise.

The company, whose products include treatments for prostate cancer, muscles spasms and growth failure among children, moved out of the red, with a 2010 pre-tax loss of £4.92m becoming a profit of £19.1m. Overall profit for the year to 31 December 2011 was £6.12m, up from a loss of £4.15m. Ipsen posted sales of £124m in 2011, up from £104m a year earlier.

Wrexham-based Ipsen Biopharm employs 380 staff and is part of the global Ipsen group which operates in 115 countries and has large research and development and manufacturing facilities in China, Ireland, France, the UK and America. Its global sales were £870m in 2010 and employee numbers topped the 4,400 mark.

Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/75001-ipsen-back-black/index.html>



DYDDIAD / DATE: 20/09/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Cymru gyfan / all-Wales

### Fund managers to Welsh Government life sciences fund to be named next month

Fund managers for a multi-million pound life sciences fund in Wales will be confirmed next month. A conference on the life sciences sector at Cardiff City Stadium today – organised by law firm Geldards – heard from leading sector figures, including head of the Welsh Government's life sciences team, Ifan Evans, and Port Talbot-born serial biotech entrepreneur and investor Sir Christopher Evans.

Both told an audience of around 150 that the life sciences fund would give Wales a leading edge in helping indigenous companies in the sector to drive commercial revenues, as well as being used to attract companies from around the world.

Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2012/09/20/fund-managers-to-welsh-government-life-sciences-fund-to-be-named-next-month-91466-31876824/#ixzz27TddkiWQ>

DYDDIAD / DATE: 18/09/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Corwen, Denbighshire

### Wholebake has appetite for growth

Wholebake, a snack bar maker in Corwen, Denbighshire, is to invest almost £1m in extending and upgrading its factory and offices.

The company gained £250,000 from the Welsh Government's Economic Growth Fund which will help the project to go ahead this year.

It will extend its 14,000 sq. ft. factory on Ty'n y Llidiart Industrial Estate by a third and install plant and equipment for new packaging lines. It will also order a prefabricated building from Wernick Buildings of Neath.

The extension should be fully operational by November.

Wholebake employs 40 people. It predicts the expansion will create 16 new jobs within 12 months

Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/77021-wholebake-has-appetite-growth/index.html>

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

DYDDIAD / DATE: 25/09/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Llanelli

### ASTUTE - Coleg Sir Gar Advanced Engineering Workshop Series

The Advanced Manufacturing workshops are aimed at manufacturing companies in the Welsh convergence area. The series continues with a workshop on Computer Aided Engineering.

Read More...

[http://www.astutewales.com/en/news\\_and\\_events.htm?id=25](http://www.astutewales.com/en/news_and_events.htm?id=25)



## GENERAL

DYDDIAD / DATE: 07/09/2012

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Cymru / Wales

### £40bn investment pot for business

INFRASTRUCTURE projects could benefit from a massive £40 billion investment pot. Secretary of State for Wales, David Jones, last night urged Welsh companies to stake their claim for a share of the funding.

Under the UK Guarantees Scheme launched by the Chancellor George Osborne in July the funding will be underwritten for infrastructure projects that have been put on hold following difficulties in raising money from private investors.

The Infrastructure (Financial Assistance) Bill which was published yesterday will allow the Government to guarantee major infrastructure projects that are struggling to get finance in a range of sectors, including transport, utilities, energy, communications, and education.

Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/09/07/40bn-investment-pot-for-business-55578-31783425/>

DYDDIAD / DATE: 20/09/2012

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Cymru / Wales

### Welsh Government hosts two delegations from China

The Welsh Government is hosting two separate delegations from China this month promoting investment opportunities and developing closer business links between the two countries.

Thursday 20 September 2012 –

The first visit (Sept 20 & 21) is led by the Shanghai Economic and Information Commission and the Hubei Development and Reform Commission is visiting Cardiff on September 25.

Business Minister Edwina Hart welcomed the delegations. She said:

“These visits provide an excellent opportunity to promote investment opportunities and collaborations while giving delegates a better understanding of the business environment in Wales. They also create a chance to develop key contacts and build links between our two countries. “

Read more <http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2012/120920china/?lang=en>



DYDDIAD / DATE: 12/09/2012

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Gogledd Cymru / North Wales

**Development Support for Rural Businesses**

Rural businesses across north Wales are being invited to take advantage of funding that is being made available to help organisations grow their businesses by providing training and development for staff.

Coleg Lllysfasi will be hosting an information breakfast about the Dyfodol project on Tuesday 2nd October between 8am and 10am.

The Dyfodol project has already provided tens of thousands of pounds of European Social Funds for private sector businesses operating in Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Conwy and Anglesey. Supported by the Welsh Government, funds are being made available for employee development and training in a range of areas such as IT, customer services, hospitality and retail and land-based education.

Read more <http://www.deeside.ac.uk/news/development-support-for-rural-businesses/>

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DYDDIAD / DATE: 14/09/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Deeside

#### Unilever plans Deeside distribution centre

Consumer goods giant Unilever is to open a new distribution centre in Deeside as part of widespread changes to its operations in the North West.

In June, the PG Tips and Marmite parent announced it planned to inject £40m into its base at Port Sunlight on the Wirral to build a new manufacturing and business services hub, creating 150 jobs. It has now revealed it will also create a third party facility in Deeside to serve as the distribution centre for the new-look Wirral factory, creating 50 jobs.

Under the previously announced plans, the historic 120-acre Wirral site would be developed into a new centre of excellence for high technology manufacturing of personal care products from shampoo to shower gel.

A second element comprises plans to create an IT centre there in 'Lever House' which would enable it to use technology to respond more quickly to market developments and improve customer service

Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/north-west/76875-/index.html>

## SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE

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News Item Date: 29.9.12  
Location: Rhyl

#### Hundreds have say on £55m Ocean Plaza plans for Rhyl

HUNDREDS turned out to have their say on multi-million pound plans for a derelict funfair site. Up to 350 jobs will be created by the £55m Ocean Plaza project which will see a new hotel, supermarket, petrol station, family pub, homes and landscaping, incorporating the Foryd Harbour Bridge.

Public exhibitions were this week held at Rhyl Town Hall to gauge reaction to the seafront scheme that would include a new traffic system, 700-space car park and the relocation of the mini roundabout further away from the Blue Bridge.

The feedback saw 131 positive responses from the public with only two objections, Scarborough Development Group revealed yesterday.

Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2012/09/29/hundreds-have-say-on-55m-ocean-plaza-plans-for-rhyl-55578-31928587/>

DYDDIAD / DATE: 02/10/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: NORTH WALES

The Outdoor Tourism Project invites businesses from the outdoor sector in Gwynedd and Conwy to join them at one of their roadshow events, between the 15th - 19th October, at one of the following locations, from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.:

15th October - Glan Llyn, Y Bala  
16th October - Conwy Business Centre  
18th October - Glasdir Llanrwst  
19th October - Plas Menai Caernarfon



Cost: FREE with lunch provided

It is necessary to register if you plan on attending any of the events during the Outdoor Tourism Business Week: closing date 10/10/2012. To find out more and reserve your place please contact: Sioned Green e-bost:SionedMairGreen@gwynedd.gov.ukTel: 01286 679211

Read more <http://www.snowdonia-active.com/toptopic.asp?tipid=820>



DYDDIAD / DATE: 11/10/2012  
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: CONWY

A major event is to be planned every month in Conwy in a bid to attract more tourists  
A MAJOR event is to be planned every month in the walled town of Conwy in a bid to attract more tourists.

Visitor numbers to the medieval town were down this year, but business owners and tourist chiefs are determined to buck this national trend and increase numbers in 2013.

Toby Tunstall, chairman of the Conwy Chamber of Trade, said: "I think they are down for three reasons – the weather didn't help, people stayed at home to watch the Olympics, and I think people are cutting down on day trips.

"But in some places in the UK visitor numbers are down by as much as 20%, but it hasn't been as bad as that here."

Toby said the town is determined to fight back.

"We had a very positive meeting with all sorts of people attending, from officers of Conwy County Council, to local councillors, business owners, organisers of the Honey Fair, Bluegrass Festival, Conwy Feast and the River Festival, the new harbourmaster and the Coastal Hawks guys.

"And we all want the same thing, to see Conwy thrive, and we will be working closer together to achieve this."

Read more <http://www.northwalesweeklynews.co.uk/conwy-county-news/local-conwy-news/2012/10/11/a-major-event-is-to-be-planned-every-month-in-conwy-in-a-bid-to-attract-more-tourists-55243-32006919/>

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