



Lincoln Ventures wins new funding to assist NZ manufacturers

Press release: 15-July-2008: *The Foundation for Research Science and Technology (FRST) has awarded \$5.16M in funding to a Canterbury science and technology company for the development of new hi-tech measurement systems.*

The funding for a six year research programme led by Dr Ian Woodhead of Lincoln Ventures Ltd will explore new ways of measuring position, movement and flow, which will lead to exciting opportunities for New Zealand manufacturers and help them retain their competitive edge both here and internationally.

The research team comprises Lincoln Ventures Ltd, Lincoln University, Canterbury Innovation Incubator, University of Auckland, and the University of Nice, France. The team will work with industry partners to develop new methods for measuring and processing electromagnetic signals and advanced techniques such as rapid tomography, signature analysis and high-speed measurement of scattered electromagnetic waves.

Four targeted applications have been identified so far for the following companies: Electrical Control Systems (Christchurch), Waratah (Tokoroa), Actronic (Auckland) and Tru-Test (Auckland).

Chief Executive of Lincoln Ventures, **Graeme Robertson**, said:

“We needed to demonstrate to the Foundation for Research Science and Technology that our programme would have very tangible benefits for industry. Our skills in measurement systems have very wide ranging applications from food safety to logging and mining so we’re extremely pleased to be working alongside four leading manufacturers to enhance New Zealand’s reputation in the global market.”

The funding grant is one of two successful applications by the company – it has also been announced that Lincoln Ventures will receive \$5.06M over six years for a Biotechnology programme for investigation into microbial fuel cells using effluent or wastewater, and sensing methods for the dairy industry (see separate press release).

About Lincoln Ventures

Lincoln Ventures is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lincoln University. It was established in 1994 combining a number of business interests. Our research subjects cover: measurement and instrumentation; image processing; frost protection; groundwater quality; irrigation; spray application and tracking; sustainable land and water use; biotechnology and waste treatment. We have expertise in groundwater modelling, moisture measurement, biosensors, image analysis applications and agrichemical application management.

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