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MEPC BIRCHWOOD PARK ENJOYS GREAT START TO 2010

MEPC Birchwood Park began 2010 on a high, completing a deal with long-standing occupant, Nuvia, to double its space to 35,000 sq ft.

The deal beats the park's 2009 record, when in one of Warrington's biggest deals in that year, it brought in National Nuclear Laboratory, who took 17,000 sq ft premises in Chadwick House in a move from Hinton House. Together, the two deals represent a major coup for the Park not only in lettings terms but in its drive to establish its position as the region's nuclear industries hub.

Nuclear service provider Nuvia has signed up for a further 10 years at MEPC Birchwood Park, expanding its 17,500 sq ft Chadwick House presence first to 28,500 sq ft, then to 35,000 sq ft by September 2011.

Nuvia's larger premises will initially accommodate its growing engineering design and consultancy teams, which service the firm's burgeoning project portfolio.

In 2011, it is the intention that the MEPC Birchwood Park premises will also accommodate Nuvia's headquarters and main engineering and consultancy divisions, as they relocate from other parts of Risley increasing the number of Nuvia staff based at the park from its current level of 200 to 350.

Nuvia has been based at MEPC Birchwood Park since 2001, relocating from Darwin House to Chadwick House in 2006.

Said Nuvia's head of corporate services, John Oram: "MEPC Birchwood Park is at the heart of the UK's nuclear industry.

"It's a particular hub for the engineering design and consultancy areas, and this is important for us as we are constantly seeking design engineers, project managers and consultants to support our growing portfolio.

"We're very pleased to be able to expand our presence at the park, and look forward to consolidating all Risley staff at this location in the coming years."

Added Nuvia's property and facilities manager, Jenny Dorn: "MEPC Birchwood Park provides excellent accommodation and facilities at reasonable rates. It is a delightful environment in which to work, with recent improvements including the Ramada Encore hotel."

Said MEPC Birchwood Park managing director, Jonathan Walsh: "This is a great start to the year, and one which underlines our increasingly significant role in the tremendously important nuclear industry."

The deal was negotiated with the assistance of Nuvia's property consultant, Savills.

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Notes to Editors:

Birchwood Park

MEPC Birchwood Park boasts 150 companies including AMEC, Atkins, Electricity North West, Rolls-Royce and Serco. It is home to a workforce of 5,000 and at 123 acres in total is acknowledged as Warrington's commercial hub. As well as offering a wide range of high quality property and excellent facilities including The Centre with its meeting and restaurant amenities, Alive and Well gym and fitness centre and Busy Nought to Fives nursery, Birchwood Park is also strategically located with easy access to the North West's motorway network.

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