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Aerohub announces arrival of CIS (UK) Ltd

CIS (UK) Ltd, an international provider of modular buildings, has chosen Aerohub @ Newquay Cornwall Airport as the preferred location for its UK operations.

Originally established in Australia to supply mining companies with the facilities they require to run a mine and look after their staff, from administration buildings to accommodation, CIS has expanded into the global marketplace with CIS (UK) Ltd, formed to create a presence in the Northern hemisphere.

The company now offers a more sophisticated 'modular' product, boasting high specification and environmental credentials, which is easily scalable to meet customer requirements. As well as serving the global mining industry, CIS (UK)'s modular product range opens the door to a variety of sectors including the military, education, commercial and international aid charities.

Local Growth Minister Kris Hopkins said: "I am pleased to see the Newquay Aerohub Enterprise Zone bringing more investment into Cornwall and with it more local jobs, training opportunities and an economic boost to the local economy.

"The Aerohub offers a unique environment for aviation which, along with the unique benefits brought by Enterprise Zones such as business rates discounts and a simplified planning process, will help turn the area into a key destination for the aerospace industry. This is part of our long term economic plan to back business and enterprise right across the country, and help Cornwall prosper."



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Andrew Sangster, Managing Director at CIS (UK) Ltd, said: “We chose Aerohub as the base for our UK operations because of the ease at which we could set up. Newquay Cornwall Airport is an ideal location; it is less than one hour’s flight from London Gatwick and also offers the facility for corporate and private aircraft to land, allowing our international clients to reach us very easily. We are excited that CIS (UK) Ltd is linked to such a worthwhile local development and hope to become one of the forerunners in seeing this enterprise flourish. The airport has shown its worth during the recent extreme weather conditions and it brings tremendous value to businesses in Cornwall.”

CIS (UK) Ltd is already using four local businesses to support its business launch and expects its arrival to generate employment for between 20-25 local people once the company is fully established, in addition to its global workforce.

Chris Pomfret, Chairman of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership, added: “Connectivity is clearly important to this international business so we are delighted that CIS (UK) Ltd has chosen Aerohub as the base for its UK and Northern Hemisphere operations. The company’s commitment to using local suppliers matches our aspirations that occupiers at Aerohub support growth in the local supply chain, and we warmly welcome the employment opportunities that CIS (UK) Ltd is creating in the local economy.”

The Enterprise Zone is being led by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership and Cornwall Council, as the owners of the airport and surrounding land. They have co-commissioned Cornwall Development Company, the Council’s arm’s length development company, to deliver the project alongside Cornwall Airport Limited as the operator of the Airport.

Julian German, Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Economy & Culture commented: “One of the primary reasons CIS chose to base their UK’s offices within the Aerohub @ Newquay Cornwall Airport is due to the airport’s services to Gatwick and onward connectivity to worldwide destinations. Their presence as an international company is a positive addition to the portfolio of businesses located at the Aerohub



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and proves that being based in Cornwall allows efficient accessibility into global markets.”

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Enterprise Zones

Enterprise zones have the opportunity to attract investment, developments and jobs through a combination of business rate discounts worth up to £275,000 over five years for each business in the zone, simplified planning procedures and superfast broadband links.

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Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership

The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was launched in May 2011. Private sector-led, it is a partnership between the private and public sectors and is driving the economic strategy for the area, determining local priorities and undertaking activities to drive growth and the creation of local jobs.

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