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COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE TO SUPPORT HUNDREDS OF JOBS IN WESTERN SYDNEY

Minister for Trade and Industry, Niall Blair today toured a new \$100 million complementary medicine manufacturing facility, which will support up to 420 jobs in Western Sydney.

Vitex Pharmaceuticals, an Australian family-owned and operated company, has invested in the new state-of-the-art 26,000sqm production base at Eastern Creek.

“This \$100 million investment is a massive vote of confidence in the Western Sydney economy and will provide high quality jobs in the region,” Mr Blair said.

“Currently the company employs more than 120 people but those numbers will now skyrocket with this ‘cutting edge’ facility.

“This investment will make the Eastern Creek site the nation’s largest tablet and soft gel capsule manufacturer of complementary medicines.

“It is also evidence of the company’s strong belief that the future of pharmaceutical manufacturing is right here in NSW.”

The new base will allow Vitex to meet a burgeoning demand for Australian-made vitamins, supplements and wellness products, driven by strong exports to key markets such as China.

Minister for Western Sydney, Stuart Ayres said the company was founded in 1989 in Australia after the company’s now chairman, Elie Chami emigrated from post-war Lebanon to Sydney in the 1970s, at the age of just 16.

“Vitex is another classic Western Sydney business success story which underlines the economic opportunities available for hardworking people in this fantastic region.

“The company’s new research lab will provide manufacturing and testing equipment to support clinical trials, research studies and new product development.”

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