



PETERBOROUGH FIRM SECURES £60,000 GRANT FOR GROWTH

An innovative Peterborough-based micronutrient formulation company has secured a £60,000 grant to help fund a multi-purpose pilot plant to support the scale up of their operation.

Camari Ltd has been awarded the funding to invest in a new pilot plant to enhance their volume processing capabilities from typical laboratory scale (1-5 litres) to manufacturing (5,000 Litres +) on a vast number of their agricultural formulations.

The current business boasts success thanks to a range of high-quality and sustainable crop yield enhancing products, developed with biological value and lower environmental impact in mind. Subsequently, demand is high, driving a need to scale up their business to enable greater availability at volume of key micronutrient formulations to enhance customer satisfaction.

The new pilot plant will enable Camari to carefully scale up production whilst still supporting the challenging chemical processes involved in the replication of these commercial formulations.

Camari will be working in partnership with local firm Safapac, who are a leading contract manufacturer and packer of speciality chemicals. Both this partnership and the benefits from a larger plant will enable Camari to effectively meet the increasing business demand and achieve their upscale ambitions.

Barry Cornett, Managing Director of parent company Safapac Holdings, said: “The grant is a boost to the city’s R&D sector:

“It’s a huge opportunity for Camari. The firm has tremendous potential - this grant allows us to realise that potential and we are incredibly excited to see the business go from strength to strength.”

“It’s also incredibly important specialist businesses like Camari are able to thrive in Peterborough and the region – any local economy needs job diversity to attract top talent to the area and encourage those with the relevant skills to stay. This grant means Camari will continue to provide top quality skilled jobs and provide more opportunities for employment in the future.”

Martin Lutman, Agri-Tech Programme Manager, said: “With a focus on value and lower environmental impact, Camari Ltd demonstrates an ambitious and responsible industry mindset that challenges a more sustainable future for the creation and upscale of micronutrient formulations. We applaud their growth aims are pleased to be able to offer grant funding to support their growth needs.”

The Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative is run by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority with support from New Anglia LEP and the local authorities covering this area.

Grants are available to organisations looking to invest in specialist equipment, new market and supply chain development, ways to improve productivity and efficiency, and the application and commercialisation of Research and Development.



To find out how the Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative could help to grow your business, visit www.agritechgrants.co.uk or call 01480 277180.

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Notes to editors

1. The Initiative has two separate funds that are available for businesses. The first is an **Agri-Tech Growth Fund**, which will provide grants of between £10,000 and £150,000 to support improvements in agricultural productivity. Whilst the **R&D and Prototyping Fund** will provide grants of between £10,000 and £60,000 to support the development of innovative technology. Find out more at www.agritechgrants.co.uk.