



LIMING COMPANY MEASURES UP FOR R&D GRANT

Keith Mount Liming Ltd, an agricultural liming company based in Bury St Edmunds, has received a £12,000 Eastern Agri-Tech grant to support research into liming techniques.

The correct soil pH is of paramount importance to crop and soil health, and ensuring the correct pH provides a balance for the availability of other crucial elements within the soil.

The manual nature of current soil sampling means that samples are read and recorded by people. Therefore, the accuracy of the results is subject to personal interpretation of the colour of the litmus paper used to measure the soil's pH.

Keith Mount Liming is seeking to develop a device that will mount on to the back of a quad bike and will dip into the soil, taking samples and logging the results on to a computer. The research and development of this device will seek to eliminate potential inconsistencies and human errors when data is being interpreted.

Mark Reeve, Chairman of the Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative Board and Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership said:

“The commitment by companies in the East of England to develop innovative systems for practices that have been largely unchanged for over 50 years is good to see. Keith Mount Liming's aim to make the soil pH assessment process fully traceable and devoid of potential human error or inconsistencies will appeal to farmers from across the globe. I am pleased to hear they already have interest from companies in the UK and Australia, and look forward to seeing how the project develops.”

Quote from the company receiving the grant (1-2 paragraphs)

The Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative is run by the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (LEP) with support from New Anglia LEP, Norfolk County Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, 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 the LEP on 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.