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comfortably in an open space while the x-ray source rotates around the patient's head.

IMTEC recently signed a contract with GE to be the exclusive US Distributor in the medical scanning industry. The company is also developing a scanner with a smaller field of view that is more affordable than the current CT Scanner. IMTEC is developing new software which will enhance the capabilities of both scanners. The company has experienced 40% annual sales growth over the last five years and is projecting a 35% annual growth in both sales and employees over the next five years.

Southwest Silicon Technologies reclaims silicon wafers for the semi conductor industry. The company has developed the technology that will allow them to reclaim 300 mm wafers in addition to the 200 mm wafer that was their only product. The company is undergoing an expansion adding 26,000 square feet to their existing 14,000 square foot building. The company employs 40 people, and has been operating in Ardmore since 2000.

Amethyst Research Inc. develops advanced process technologies that significantly improve the performance of infrared "night vision" detectors while simultaneously reducing the cost of their production. The company began operations in 2004 with two employees. They now have seven employees with an annual budget of \$835,000. Amethyst, located at the Ardmore Technology Transfer Center – a technology based business incubator, has received \$1,060,000 in new contracts since the beginning of the year. They have additional research contracts pending at a value of \$4,600,000.

The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation is a world-class agricultural consultation and research organization focused on enhancing production agriculture and plant improvement. Encompassed within the (continued on back)

Progress Continues on the Ardmore International Trade Center

Bids for extending the runway at the Ardmore Airpark from 7200 feet to 9000 feet have been received by the Ardmore Development Authority. TTK Construction Company, Inc. should begin on the project in September 2007, and the expected completion date is August 2008. The runway extension is the centerpiece of the International Trade Center Air Cargo Hub which will allow the Airpark to have intermodal capabilities of rail, truck and air freight.

The Air Cargo Concept invests in an under-utilized airport to solve cargo related problems for freight carriers, importers, exporters and distributors while offering lower cost advantages for industry. The Ardmore Airpark has received conditional approval for a customs port of entry and is in the application process for a Foreign Trade Zone designation. (continued on back)

Technology Companies Prosper in Ardmore (Cont)

scope of its mission, the Noble Foundation has engaged in a multifaceted approach to research, refine and implement the use of traditional forages – plants grazed by livestock for feed – as potential bioenergy crops.

The Noble Foundation's impact on the bioenergy industry is not limited to feedstock development projects. The Noble Foundation is also developing crop management plans for farmers and ranchers. These plans will provide the region's agricultural producers with the tools to establish and productively maintain these crops. Additionally, Noble's researchers and agricultural specialists are investigating how agricultural producers can productively integrate bioenergy crops into current livestock production systems and understand the practical economics, long-term sustainability and environmental impact of dedicated bioenergy crops.

In June, the Noble Foundation was a part of two major initiatives that will impact the production of biofuels at the state and national level. On June 26, a consortium that includes the Noble Foundation won a bid from the Department of Energy (DOE) for a \$125 million bioenergy research center.

The BESC represents the latest award received by the Noble Foundation from federal sources, from both the USDA and Department of Energy, that concerns biofuels development and production. Through these grants, Noble will undertake significant research to advance biofuels and has linked southern Oklahoma to research universities, national laboratories and USDA-ARS research centers across the United States.

Earlier this month, Gov. Brad Henry signed legislation that created the Oklahoma Bioenergy Center (OBC), which unites the Noble Foundation, the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University to work on breaking down barriers and facilitate technologies to create a flourishing bioenergy industry in Oklahoma.

Although Ardmore seems like an unlikely location for technology companies, Nathan Verner, IMTEC CFO, praises the attributes of Ardmore. "We are able to attract employees to Ardmore because of the low cost of living and the quality of life. Only being an hour and a half from an international airport (DFW), we are able to travel easily to our clients and tradeshow."

Progress Continues on the Ardmore International Trade Center (Cont)

The Ardmore Development Authority recently received a \$1 million grant for an access road from the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. The access road will open up an additional 1100 acres for industrial development on the east side of the Air Park. The engineering has begun on the roadway and construction should begin in October 2007. Plans are also underway to extend the rail and utilities to the east side of the industrial park. In all, approximately \$34 million is being invested by the Ardmore Development Authority in the Airpark's infrastructure that will help create the International Trade Center.

The Ardmore Airpark is located halfway between Dallas, Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and is located approximately 6 miles from Interstate 35 on Highway 53. Ardmore offers companies the lowest operating and distribution costs in a four state region: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. There are over 12 million people located within a 350 mile radius of Ardmore.

Looking For a Large Existing Building? Developer Open to Dividing 441,000 sq. ft. Former Distribution Facility

In many communities an existing building is hard to find, particularly one of any size. In Ardmore, the former Best Buy Distribution Center has been purchased by a developer to lease to tenants. Companies may lease a minimum of 100,000 sq. ft. up to the entire building. Lease rates are \$2.40 per sq. ft. triple net.

The building built in 1991 and expanded in 1994, is located in the New Horizons Industrial Park which is less than one-half mile from Interstate 35 located between Dallas, Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (97 miles from each). The building is tilt-up concrete, with 6,000 sq. ft. of office space, 26 ft. ceilings, 55 loading docks and 191 parking spaces.



Ardmore enjoys a central U.S. location which is ideal for transportation-sensitive businesses and distribution. Currently home to distribution centers such as Best Buy, Circuit City, Dollar General and Dot Foods, Ardmore has a proven track record for success in the distribution field. The New Horizons location would be ideal for distribution or light manufacturing.

For further details concerning this property call the Ardmore Development Authority at 580-223-6162.

For more information on Ardmore, visit www.ardmoredevelopment.com.