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Surgical Innovations

300 new jobs are being created at the Leeds based company Surgical Innovations (SI) - a designer and manufacturer of creative solutions for minimally invasive surgery (MIS) - following their successful bid to the Regional Growth Fund (RGF).

£5.05 million of RGF cash is being used to develop a state of the art research and development facility and clinical training centre.

The Leeds City Region is a key strategic centre for the healthcare industry with many medical technology companies operating in the area, as well as leading universities and one of Europe's largest teaching hospitals. The company's new facility will act as a magnet for pioneering surgeons looking to develop new skills in MIS.

Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg visited the company in January 2013 to see first-hand how the RGF grant will be used. He said:

"Surgical Innovations secured £5.05m of the fund which will see the firm catalysing a health technologies hub for the city and create hundreds of jobs. Just like in Yorkshire, local economies across the country are seeing the direct benefits of this funding through new jobs and additional investment. That is what the Regional Growth Fund is all about."

RGF at Work

Graham Bowland, Chief Executive Officer for Surgical Innovations said:

"We were delighted to welcome the Deputy Prime Minister to SI and it was an honour to show him around our facilities. The visit allowed us to discuss with him the benefits of signing the Regional Growth Fund document, which will allow SI's profile to grow internationally, deliver sustainable jobs and achieve future growth for the company and the Leeds City Region."