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Grangemouth welcomes Belzona's arrival at Earls Gate

Senior officials from Falkirk Council were on hand to witness yet another high profile business locate to the Falkirk area at the recent opening of Belzona's new regional sales and service centre at Earls Gate Park in Grangemouth. Belzona is an internationally renowned organisation offering technical support for a range of industries from power generation through to the marine sector.

Grangemouth was chosen as a location to provide more localised customer service to the surrounding area. The new regional sales and service centre at Earls Gate will serve as a base to Belzona's UK sales force and contacting division, Belzona Technosol. The facility will also operate as a training venue for Belzona technicians and sales engineers and will provide local telemarketing support to help increase the company's customer base. The office will employ eight people.

The opening event was attended by Belzona customers and staff members including Dr Bill Ashcroft, Managing Director of Belzona Polymerics. Members of Falkirk Council also attended in support of the opening and Cllr Craig Martin, Council Leader, commented, "We will be happy to work closely in the future with Belzona, its staff, customers and suppliers to make this development and Belzona's experience here in Falkirk a success."

Dr Bill Ashcroft commented, "We are delighted to open this new centre in Grangemouth as part of our global business strategy. Falkirk is an ideal area for new businesses as it is one of the best connected areas in Scotland."

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Notes to Editors:

My Future's in Falkirk is an innovative economic development initiative which is transforming the Falkirk area into a diverse and modern economy and a desirable place to work, live and visit. Launched in 2002, My Future's in Falkirk is a public and private sector partnership between Falkirk Council, BP and INEOS.