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Federal and Victorian Industry Ministers announce Trajan as manufacturing grant recipient

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Trajan Scientific and Medical (Trajan) has been announced as one of eleven Victorian businesses receiving a total of \$27.4 million to establish or expand high value manufacturing operations under the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme.

Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science Christopher Pyne and Victorian Minister for Industry Lily D'Ambrosio made the announcement at Trajan's Global Headquarters, saying the investment would help to stimulate economic activity and increase business competitiveness in Victoria.

Mr Pyne said the Australian Government is committed to ensuring a strong and sustainable manufacturing industry in Australia by helping businesses innovate and diversify for the future.

"This investment will help to attract private investment in the sector, building our advanced manufacturing capabilities," said Mr Pyne.

Ms D'Ambrosio agreed the programme will encourage the growth of advanced manufacturing operations, including in the defence, transportation, pharmaceutical and medical device sectors.

"It will leverage capital investment in precision engineering, robotics and advanced composite materials development, and support businesses to access global supply chains," said Ms D'Ambrosio.

Chief Executive Officer of Trajan, Stephen Tomisich comments: "Trajan's grant is investing in Advanced Manufacturing of Precision Scientific and Medical Glass Tubing. This project will expand opportunities to new markets, commercialising products for the medical device sector through utilisation of research technologies."

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Mr Tomisich continues: “Trajan believes the Government’s current discussion on transforming funding for research, and aligning with business opportunities, will ensure a future of research and development translating into economic outcomes for this country. We are enthused and excited by the Government’s refreshed recognition of the importance of innovation within the context of collaboration to the nation’s prosperity.”

Mr Pyne and Ms D’Ambrosio’s presence at Trajan comes exactly one week after Australia’s Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull visited the company, to hear about its pioneering partnerships with academia and start-ups that are set to become a critical new pillar of the Australian economy.

Mr Tomisich commented at the time of Mr Turnbull’s visit: “Rolling out new models to fund and nurture innovative start-ups, taking those brilliant concepts and ideas nestled in the labs and lecture halls of universities – Trajan identifies these opportunities and in doing so, essentially creates new IP-based, successful and sustainable ideas and enterprises that can deliver long-term economic benefit.”

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More Information

- www.trajanscimed.com
- www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/growth-fund/Next-Generation-Manufacturing-Investment-Programme

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1. Trajan Scientific and Medical

Trajan collaborates with academic and industry partners to develop and deliver innovative products. Together we will deliver breakthrough solutions to improve human wellbeing through biological, environmental or food related measurements.

Our focus is on developing and commercializing technologies that enable analytical systems to be more selective, sensitive and specific - especially those that can lead to portability, miniaturization and affordability. Creating integrated partnerships to enable analysis of the world we live in.

A 17,000 m2 Ringwood site in Melbourne, Victoria, is home to Trajan's corporate headquarters and ISO accredited manufacturing operations. With over 300 staff worldwide across Australia, Europe, USA and Asia, Trajan serves customers in over 100 countries with highly specialized consumables and components used in scientific analysis and clinical applications.

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2. Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme

The \$60 million Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme is jointly funded by the Australian, Victorian and South Australian Governments and is a key part of the Australian Government's \$155 million Growth Fund, for employees and businesses affected by the closure of automotive manufacturing operations in Victoria and South Australia.

www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/growth-fund/Next-Generation-Manufacturing-Investment-Programme

3. The Hon Christopher Pyne MP

Christopher is the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, and Leader of the House of Representatives. In his time in Parliament he has been shadow Minister for Education, Apprenticeships and Training, Manager of Opposition Business in the House of Representatives, Minister for Ageing, Parliamentary Secretary for Health well as Parliamentary Secretary for Family and Community Services. Christopher has also served as Minister for Education and Training.

www.pyneonline.com.au

4. The Hon Liliana (Lily) D'Ambrosio

Lily D'Ambrosio is the Member for Mill Park and the Minister for Industry, Energy and Resources. She was elected to Parliament representing the Lower House seat of Mill Park in 2002. Throughout her Parliamentary career, she has overseen a number of key portfolio areas both in government and opposition, including community development, consumer protection, cost of living, the suburbs, industry, energy and resources.

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5. The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP

Malcolm Turnbull was sworn in as the 29th Prime Minister of Australia on 15 September 2015. Since entering Federal politics as the Member for Wentworth in 2004, Mr Turnbull has held a number of parliamentary positions. Most recently, Mr Turnbull was Minister for Communications from 18 September 2013 to 21 September 2015.

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