

## Epichem Opens State-of-the-Art New Laboratory in Perth



Chief Scientist of WA, Professor Peter Klinken, with Epichem's CEO, Dr Wayne Best, at the unveiling of the plaque.

Epichem recently celebrated a major milestone in its 12-year history with the official opening of its splendid new laboratory facilities at Technology Park in Perth.

Western Australia's Chief Scientist, Professor Peter Klinken, was guest of honour to officially declare the facility open for business and unveil the plaque.

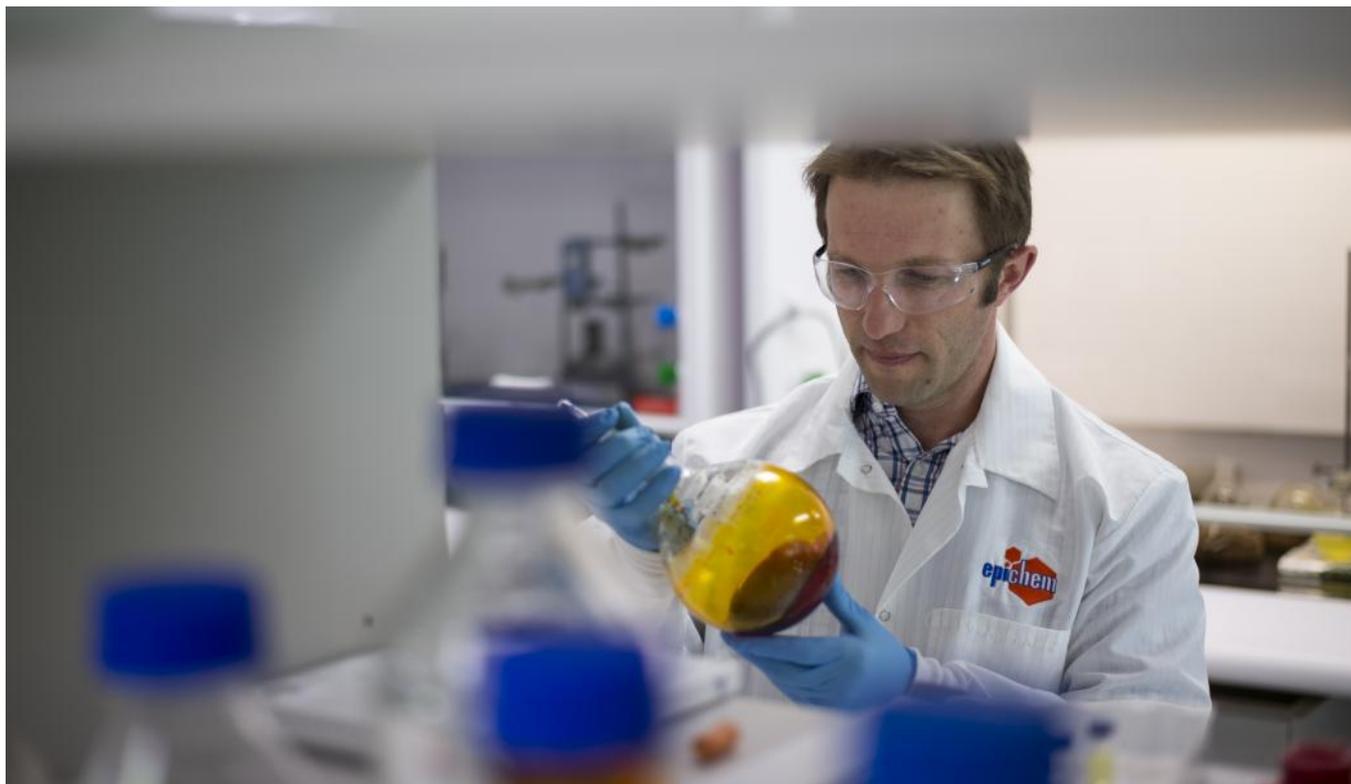
The new facilities represent a significant expansion for Epichem. With a total of 13 fumehoods in 242m<sup>2</sup> of laboratory space, it is almost 3 times the size of Epichem's previous laboratory. The facilities also comprise 194m<sup>2</sup> of office space and a further 83m<sup>2</sup> set aside for future expansion.

In declaring the new laboratory open, Professor Peter Klinken said "The development of Epichem over a number of years is a wonderful story for WA science and innovation. It shows how a company can be internationally competitive from Western Australia in a very tough field. I love the fact that the company employs 13 PhDs in Chemistry, proving that jobs can be created for talented, motivated, highly-skilled scientists outside of academia".

Epichem's CEO, Dr Wayne Best, added "We are very excited at the prospect of having the extra capacity to broaden our customer base and provide new products and services."

Director of both Epichem and its ASX listed parent PharmAust, Robert Bishop, said "There is a significant Brains Trust at Epichem, including 13 PhDs, and we are convinced that Epichem has an exciting future and is now unleashed to achieve its full potential. This is great for PharmAust and, of course, for Perth".

Following the formalities, guests were invited to tour the laboratory facilities.



Senior Chemist, Dr Jason Chaplin, demonstrates his skills at the bench during one of the laboratory tours at the facilities' opening.

### **About Epichem**

Epichem supplies hi-tech products and services in chemistry to the global drug discovery and pharmaceutical industries and is a significant employer of PhD level scientists and with customers in 33 countries worldwide is currently generating valuable export revenues for Australia.

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