

Progenika formally opens its new development centre in Spain with an investment of 8 million Euros

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- **The research and development centre is a point of reference worldwide. It has more than 650 square metres of laboratories dedicated to R+D**
- **The laboratory for the production of biochips has a white room for measuring and controlling parameters 24 hours a day**
- **There are over 145 people on the Progenika staff. More than 60% of them hold a doctorate**
- **The opening was officiated by the Lehendakari, or President of the Basque Autonomous Government, Patxi López, together with the Minister of Health, Trinidad Jiménez**

Bilbao, 28 January 2010. Biotechnology Company Progenika, specialising in personalised medicine, today opened its new development centre located in the Bizkaia Technology Park. The centre is a reference point worldwide. Progenika is developing in-house technology here to target genetically based human illnesses.

Investment in the new facility totals more than 8 million Euros. It contains seven laboratories which use the most advanced *in vitro* diagnostic techniques. Investment totalled more than 5.6 million Euros in the construction of the facility and more than 2.4 million Euros in its equipment.

This new centre has more than 650 square metres of R+D laboratories. The centrepiece is a laboratory of over 190 square metres for the production of biochips. This laboratory has a white room for measuring and controlling parameters 24 hours a day to guarantee the suitably controlled production of



biochips.

Progenika also has the most modern equipment for genes, proteins and sequencing for the individual identification of genomes and proteomes. In addition it has various freezers to hold the company's analysis samples at minus 80 degrees Celsius.

At present there are over 145 people on the staff of the Progenika Group. More than 60% of them hold a doctorate.

Today's opening will be chaired by the President of the Basque Local Autonomous Government, Patxi López, together with the Member of Parliament for Biscay José Luis Bilbao and Spanish Minister of Health Trinidad Jiménez.

About us...

The Progenika Group develops biochips in the context of personalised medicine, targeting the diagnosis and prognosis of illnesses and patient response to treatment. Founded in the year 2000, its development and production centres are located in the Bizkaia Technology Park and on the MIT campus in Cambridge (Massachusetts, USA). It has a laboratory in the United Arab Emirates and sales outlets and offices for the management of Intellectual Property in Madrid and London. Progenika has developed and patented various products now on the market, such as the LIPOchip for the diagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia and the BLOODchip to ensure compatibility during blood transfusions.

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