

## Butlerstown IDA facility completed



The recently completed IDA facility at Butlerstown, which the business community hopes will soon accommodate another new employer for Waterford.

The new high-end IDA manufacturing facility at the Butlerstown Business Park is now fully complete, and is ready to accommodate another high-profile employer.

“There was a recognition that we needed such a facility in the south east,” Minister of State Paudie Coffey told The Munster Express. “I know that Anne-Marie Tierney Le Roux, the IDA’s new Regional Manager here in the South East, is actively seeking new business for that unit and that’s to be welcomed.”

Minister Coffey noted that the completion of the plant coincided with the latest improvement in the Live Register figures across Waterford.

“We have seen the live register in Waterford drop by over 1,800 people in the last 12 months; we have seen strong tax receipts for January 2015 that saw the level of income tax receipts increase by over €300million compared to January 2014; this is despite the fact the government cut income taxes and have removed 410,000 people out of paying the Universal Social Charge.”

He added: “We have in recent past seen an increase in IDA supported companies investing in Waterford, such as Nypro, West Pharma and Genzyme for example who have spending hundreds of millions of euros in our city, and of course, Tech Mahindra, who officially opened their customer care centre in association with Three last Thursday.

“I am pleased that the IDA has delivered this new facility that I worked closely with my colleague Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Richard Bruton in delivering for the city and I now expect it to be occupied as soon as possible.”

Minister Coffey added: “But we still need to retain our focus when it comes to creating new employment and job opportunities, and we need to stay competitive here in Waterford...Dublin has a lot of pent-up capacity issues and we need to see the regions now starting to deliver, relieving some pressure from Dublin and, in turn, boosting the regional economies, including the south east.”

Regarding the Butlerstown plant, Paudie Coffey continued: “This is the first purpose built IDA facility to be constructed in the

State in over 30 years and I want to commend the efforts of the IDA in putting this specific focus on Waterford over the course of the last few years.

“I am hopeful that the IDA will find a suitable investor for this facility in coming weeks and months that will lead to further job creation in Waterford city.”