

P53.
 14 OCT
 2015
 Townsville

Pharmaceutical HQ build gives jobs a boost

CONSTRUCTION of a \$135 million pharmaceutical headquarters in Dandenong South is expected to create 200 new jobs.

On Tuesday 13 October the first sod was turned for Ego Pharmaceuticals' new global headquarters in Oppenheim Road, which will include a distribution centre and manufacturing centre.

The company currently employs 295 people in Victoria and 155 interstate and

overseas, doubling its workforce in the past five years.

It exports 34 per cent of its products. Stage one of the project is expected to be completed by late 2017.

Ego Pharmaceuticals managing director Alan Oppenheim said the project secured the future of the business in Victoria.

It would enable the company to "grow exponentially and continue to

drive our manufacturing and export business," he said.

"Australian manufacturing and exporting has significant benefits to the wider economy.

"We're committed to continuing to innovate, invest in Australians and lead the industry with our world-class practices from state-of-the-art facilities."

Industry Minister Lily D'Ambrosio said the investment "cements Victoria's

position as a leading centre for pharmaceutical manufacturing".

"(It) ensures the company's products continue to be manufactured in Melbourne for the Australian and global market."

The State Government supported Ego's planning application with a view to further infrastructure on the site over the next 25 years.

BUSINESS — EGO PHARMACEUTICALS
OPPENHEIM RD - D'AMBROSIO ST.

\$135M. HEADQUARTERS IN ST1 DANDENONG
TO CREATE 200 JOBS IN A MANUFACTURING
AND DISTRIBUTION CENTRE.

P53 Townsville
 14 OCT 2015