

## **CASE STUDIES**

## Ecologia



Ecologia, a consultant and contractor in contaminated land and ground water remediation, was founded in 2000 at Kent Science Park. The facilities and space available at Kent Science Park have allowed the company to grow from a start-up with three employees to a company with more than 50 staff. Ecologia's in-house team of qualified scientists, engineers, chemists and geologists has the broad range of expertise required to tackle a wide range of clients' environmental needs.

The company intends to expand within Kent Science Park and has plans for a new international headquarters at the site. Ecologia was named 'Swale Company of the Year' at the 2007 Swale Business Awards and won the 2007 Environment Award for Kent Business (innovative technology).

Ebbsfleet and Ashford, we are well-placed to serve our clients in the UK and Europe and attract new business from overseas."

## Fresca Group

Investment promotion agency Locate in Kent worked closely with the Fresca Group and Robert Montgomery to assist in plans to develop the UK's most hi-tech greenhouse complex.

A massive £80m is being invested at the 91-hectare site near Monkton in Thanet, on land previously owned by Robert Montgomery Ltd. Once the project is completed it is expected to create over 550 jobs. The site, named Thanet Earth, will eventually include 7 glasshouses, each covering the area of around 10 football pitches. Each will use the very latest in efficient hydroponic growing techniques.

Three glasshouses are now operational and producing cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes that are already being sold in supermarket retailers around the South East.

Chris Mack, Chairman of Fresca Group, said: "We've worked closely with Thanet Council who have been very keen to attract this level of investment to help secure an agricultural future for the area. As a Kent-based company, we're very excited about developing in Thanet. The creation of so many jobs will further enhance our position as one of Kent's leading employers."





