

New 'green' Grundfos facility

MULTINATIONAL group Grundfos, one of the world's leading pump manufacturers, will soon have a new R100 million state-of-the-art "green" facility in South Africa.

Custom-developed for Grundfos by Growthpoint, their new SA head office will be a groundbreaking green building, applying sustainable development practices.

The new facility will be located in Meadowbrook, Germiston.

"This strategic move provides many benefits for Grundfos, includ-

facilities. They should place as little strain as possible on our surroundings and the environment."

Growthpoint has developed two of only 10 buildings in SA to receive Green Building Council of SA Green Star (GBCSA) certification so far.

It leads the real estate sector in carbon disclosure in Africa. It's also in the JSE's Socially Responsible Investment Index (SRI Index) for the third consecutive year for positive environmental, social and economic sustainability practices and corporate governance.

Demolition of the disused building on site will start next month with extensive recycling of materials for reuse in the development.

"The design and construction incorporate the best international standards, adapted to South African conditions – from orienting the building to energy-efficient lighting, motion sensors and rainwater harvesting.

"The intent is to develop a high tech industrial facility that is at the forefront of green building design and sustainability," says Leon Labuschagne of Growthpoint Development Division.

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"Sustainable development is a key concept at Grundfos. It is vital that our pumps display respect for the environment, especially energy consumption and use of materials. We expect the same of our production



LIVING GREEN. The official sod turning ceremony for Grundfos new "green" facility was held this week. From left to right: Leon Labuschagne, Development Division, Growthpoint Properties; Estienne de Klerk, Executive Director, Growthpoint Properties; Carsten Bjerg, Group President/CEO Grundfos; Jonathan Hamp – Adams, General Manager, Grundfos Africa; and Engelbert Binedell, Industrial Division Head, Growthpoint Properties.