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Site work for an Advanced Metrology Laboratory at NPL

We wanted to write and inform you of some site work that is beginning very soon at NPL.

On 24 January 2013, the Minister of State for Universities and Science announced the investment of £25 million in a new Advanced Metrology Laboratory at NPL, Teddington. The proposed Advanced Metrology Laboratory will provide a unique scientific environment, enhancing NPL's reputation as a world-leading centre of excellence in developing and applying the most accurate measurement standards, science and technology available.

Although very early in the design process, NPL can confirm that the new facility will be located adjacent to Bushy House on a location currently occupied by the unused Maudslay Building (Building 3), and will also make use of the Darwin Building (Building 2) for office and meeting accommodation. We expect planning permission for the new building to be granted in 2014; the new building will be required to have a very low visual impact on the surrounding area.

Preparation of the site will begin week commencing 22 July 2013, with the removal of the Maudslay Building and ground works. This is being undertaken in full co-operation and agreement with the Local Planning Authority. The initial works are expected to last at least 14 weeks and during this period the site will be fenced off to protect the surrounding walls, buildings and trees. All waste materials generated will be re-used on site or recycled, where possible.

We will be monitoring the progress for the duration of the works to ensure that all activities are undertaken with the appropriate level of care and consideration to local residents and users of the site. As part of this process a new temporary access road will be created in front of the existing buildings - this is designed to minimise the impact of site traffic during the works. In addition, we will be maintaining strict working conditions on the site, restricting works to set hours during the working week and limiting the movement of large vehicles to avoid disruption of the roads at busy periods.

Working Hours:

Monday to Friday 08:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs

Deliveries and removals from the site are intended to be restricted to the hours between 10:00 hrs and 16:00 hrs, but we are keen to hear if this will impact on any other activities.

Works will not be expected to occur on weekends or public holidays.

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We are very excited by the new addition to NPL. We expect to open Bushy House as part of Open House London on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September 2013, where we will include a display of proposed plans.

Yours faithfully,



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