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In the News

Cordlife opens second tissue processing & storage facility

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Leading homegrown tissue bank CordLife, a subsidiary of stem cell biotechnology and immunotherapy company CyGenics, recently opened its second facility in Singapore.

The tissue processing and storage facility, valued at \$1.7 million, is the first of its kind in the region. Situated next to the company's existing facility at Camden Medical Centre, the new facility is custom-built and has double the storage capacity to meet the increasing demand for cord blood banking services in the region.

The new laboratory meets the stringent Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) requirements and is aiming to attain full AABB accreditation - which translates to the highest standards of cord blood handling, processing and storage in the world. Only seven other cord blood banks around the world have achieved this accreditation so far.

"After over two years of operations, I'm glad to say we have not had a single incidence of contamination in the lab," said Soren Bested, Chief Technology Officer and Laboratory Director, who added that he is confident of maintaining that record at the new laboratory.

"As we expand in this region, this new facility will be the benchmark by which all future facilities will be measured," added Chris Fullerton, Chairman, CyGenics. "The opening of this new facility is a measure of our commitment to Singapore and to Asia. From Singapore as our tissue banking business base, we are expanding our operations throughout the region."