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## New Development & Manufacturing Facility positions Skellerup for future growth

Skellerup's new Christchurch dairy rubberware development and manufacturing facility represents what is best about the company: traditional skills and ethos aligned with a willingness and an ability to adapt and innovate, says Skellerup Chairman Sir Selwyn Cushing.

Speaking ahead of the opening of the \$60 million, 19,000 square metre facility, Sir Selwyn said the move to a purpose-built, integrated site would help Skellerup cement its reputation as the world's leading designer and manufacturer of food grade rubberware for the global dairy industry, and to further expand into new markets and new industries.

Sir Selwyn said Skellerup's Woolston site had been the company's heart and soul for more than three-quarters of a century, and he expected the Wigram development would serve the company and its customers for at least as many years to come.

Sir Selwyn said while the company was very aware, and very proud, of its long association with the Canterbury region, the decision to stay in Christchurch following the Canterbury earthquakes was driven by practicalities rather than sentiment.

"We had a very hard look at our options after the quake: staying in Christchurch was clearly the best choice for the business."

Sir Selwyn paid tribute to Sir Ron Carter, Project Champion, the Skellerup team and the project contractors responsible for the Wigram development. "Completing such a significant project on time and within budget while maintaining production at the Woolston plant without compromising customer service and product quality standards has been a remarkable achievement."

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