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Methven announces additional \$600k investment in New Zealand manufacturing

At a launch event held today at Methven Limited's (MVN) global Head Office and manufacturing facility in Avondale, Auckland, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern outlined the Government's new R&D Tax Incentive Policy.

Attended by a number of industry representatives, the launch event at the Methven Experience Centre included speeches from Science and Innovation Minister Dr Megan Woods and Revenue Minister Stuart Nash, outlining how the new policy will support Kiwi businesses to increase their R&D activity.

Methven Group CEO, David Banfield said "Investment in research and development is vital for us to ensure long term competitive advantage and as such, we are delighted to announce a further \$600k investment in our New Zealand manufacturing capability that will be operational in January 2019. This capability allows us to apply different colour finishes to our products and thus reflect consumer needs close to market. This activity forms part of a longer term investment plan in New Zealand manufacturing that we believe will enable us to disrupt the global plumbing industry from New Zealand, create jobs that don't exist today and give us an agile, capital light platform to better reflect emerging customer needs and deliver superior returns for our shareholders."

Mr Banfield added "The Government's policy announced today will enable us to invest in the future with confidence, and we were delighted to host the launch of such a beneficial and future-focused policy."

As part of the launch, the Prime Minister, along with Ministers Woods and Nash, toured Methven's manufacturing facility, which houses design, toolshop, engineering, toolmaking, foundry, plastics manufacture, machining, polishing and assembly, as well as the global group functions.

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About Methven:

Methven is an NZX-listed market-leading designer and manufacturer of showers, taps and valves. Our business is headquartered in Auckland where we design, develop and manufacture many award-winning products and technologies. Our international operations see our products distributed in Australia, China, UK, Middle East, USA and Europe in addition to our home market of New Zealand. In 2016 we celebrated 130 years of innovation and shared our long term growth plans, Methven 130 - the aim to grow sales to \$130 million by June 2020. Our business transformation plan, Fit 4 the Future, kicked off in July 2017 to ensure we have a simplified and strengthened platform for long term growth.

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