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## **NOVUS SEAHAM IS COMING**

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East Durham Business Service (EDBS) are expanding their successful Novus office accommodation by opening a brand new Business Centre in Seaham.

Novus Seaham, based at the Spectrum Business Park, will provide office space to a variety of businesses, be it those looking for accommodation suitable for a home-to-office environment move or for growing young companies in search of larger and adaptable space.

Peter Chapman, Chief Executive of EDBS, said: "We're extremely proud to be developing this new Centre as now more than ever it is important to support new local businesses and help to establish their growth.

"Seaham will be the ideal location for many of the region's young businesses looking for office accommodation and, in addition, EDBS will be able to support any business taking tenancy at either of our locations, be it Peterlee or Seaham, with their ongoing business needs."

Novus Seaham is located just off the A19, one of the merger road corridors in the region, making it ideal for those who need links across the region and access to Durham, Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough.

The new Business Centre aims to encourage the creation of up to 28 new businesses and 120 new jobs and bring up over 15,500 sq ft of vacant floor space in to use.

Sandra Wardle, Novus Business Centre Co-ordinator at Peterlee, said: “Novus Seaham has been designed to house a range of young businesses whether at their start, develop or growth stage. For that reason Novus Seaham will have office space for one to two persons to up to 18 people.

“Novus Peterlee has always been a Centre that accommodates the needs of its tenants, so we are able to help find a solution for their business needs be it a relocation or need a larger office to accommodate a sudden upsurge in employees. With our easy-in, easy-out terms we can react rapidly to any change in the circumstances.”

An EDBS presence will also feature at Novus Seaham, with in house support on business, marketing, apprenticeships, finance and retail available.

Novus Seaham is being fitted out by Overbury, a company that has had vast experience in creating business space fit for purpose, focusing on creating stylish and modern offices for businesses at a variety of sizes.

The project is being part financed by the European Union’s ERDF Competitiveness Programme. The ERDF 2007-13 programme is bringing over £300m into North East England to support innovation, enterprise and business support. It will help create and safeguard 28,000 new jobs, start 3,000 new businesses and increase the region’s productivity by £1.1bn per annum.

The project has also been supported and part financed by Durham County Council.

Peter McDowell, Business Property Manager at Durham County Council, said: “Business Durham is committed to making County Durham a top location for business. Novus Seaham provides much needed accommodation for new businesses that will go a long way to achieving this aim and we are delighted to be one of the funders”.

Peter Chapman continued: “EDBS has had tremendous support throughout the development of Novus Seaham and we are looking forward to opening the Centre in the New Year.”

To find out more about Novus Seaham, to arrange a tour or find out about affordable office rates, call Sandra Wardle on 0191 5863366 or email [sandra.wardle@edbs.co.uk](mailto:sandra.wardle@edbs.co.uk).

For more information on how EDBS can support you, or if you need guidance on how to set up your business, then please call 0191 5863366 or visit [www.edbs.co.uk](http://www.edbs.co.uk).

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*Picture Caption: NovusSeaham1 and NovusSeaham2 Ian West (L), EDBS Chair of the Board and Peter Chapman (R) Chief Executive of EDBS at Novus Seaham, Spectrum Business Park.*

**Notes for Editors:**

- EDBS is the Enterprise Agency for East Durham. It offers businesses in East Durham a complete business support service offering advice and facilitating inward investment.