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Tetra Pak and Lund University launch new research hub to develop future food

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Tetra Pak and Lund University have announced the launch of Biotech Heights, a new research hub that will explore food and materials production using bioprocessing to create useful products from living cells or cell components.

Biotech Heights will establish an open innovation environment, in which all participating organisations will have access to world-leading laboratories and equipment for both commercial and academic purposes. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to work alongside several faculties at the University to address both the technical and non-technical challenges facing producers, brands, and manufacturers operating in this space. This, combined with Tetra Pakâ??s experience supporting food and beverage brands with product development, will make Biotech Heights a space to nurture and test ideas and collaborate to share knowledge on best practices and consumer trends.

Charles Brand, Executive Vice President for Processing Solutions and Equipment at Tetra Pak says, â??Todayâ??s food systems are not fit for purpose, and collaboration across business and academia is crucial to provide new solutions to food systems transformation. Tetra Pak and Lund University share a common goal of developing technology that contributes towards a more sustainable future, and we look forward to taking our decades-long partnership to the next level. With Biotech Heights, we can provide a safe space for customers and collaboration partners to trial solutions to the multi-faceted challenge of scalability.â?•

The hub will deepen the longstanding partnership between Tetra Pak and Lund University, combining Tetra Pakâ??s global food processing and packaging expertise with the research capabilities of Lund University, one of the worldâ??s top 100 universities, enriching the regionâ??s existing reputation as a centre for groundbreaking food innovations.

Annika Olsson, Dean at Lund University Faculty of Engineering, said: â??Lund University's research mission in this area revolves around the exploration and advancement of scalable biotechnology, which we see as a transformative tool to building a more sustainable society. However, none of this is possible without collaborating with key industry partners like Tetra Pak. By bringing together experts from academia and industry with infrastructure from diverse fields, we can foster state-of-the-art

advancements and drive positive change on a much larger scale.â?