



MATRIX Plans For Hi-Tech NI

Northern Ireland's high-technology businesses should continue to plan for the longer term. That was the message delivered by the NI Enterprise Minister, Arlene Foster at the launch of the first report of 'MATRIX: The Northern Ireland Science Industry Panel'. Speaking to an audience of stakeholders from business, higher and further education and government, the Minister said: "If planning for stability and growth is important at times of economic success it is vital at times of economic slowdown. Right now we need forward thinking and innovative future planning which this MATRIX report represents." MATRIX is a business led expert panel, formed in February 2007. It was set up to provide advice to the Minister on how best to maximise commercial and economic gains from the exploitation of Northern Ireland's R&D and science and technology strengths over the next decade and beyond.

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