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All roles together in Rocks

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A SUPPLIER of commercial and residential solar power systems has plugged into new premises in Brisbane's south-west.

Ingenero has expanded into a 1132sq m A-grade building at 41 Bluestone Circuit, Seventeen Mile Rocks.

It has committed to a five-year leasing deal on the facility, which sits on a 2071sq m site within Industrial Development Group's MetroWest Estate.

Wright Property's Michael Platsis and Morgan Ruig negotiated the deal.

The leasing rate has not been disclosed but industry sources said the property would fetch between \$135-\$155/sq m, equating to as much as \$175,500 a year.

Mr Platsis said Ingenero was attracted to the site for several reasons.

"Being a supplier of renewable energy solutions, Ingenero are very focused on sustainability and the environment. They were attracted to the green space opposite the estate, which is unique for an industrial area," he said.

Ingenero looked at several sites around the city fringe and Darra before settling on Seventeen Mile Rocks.

The move brings the company's Queensland operations under one roof.

Ingenero's head office was at St Lucia in Brisbane and its warehouse and contact centre at Warana on the Sunshine Coast.

Chief executive Steve McRae said the company had experienced rapid growth during the past three years and the consolidation of its operations would cater for expected growth in the solar industry.

"Consolidating our operations puts us on the front foot for further growth," Mr McRae said.

Ingenero this year completed Australia's largest solar photovoltaic installation at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus. It also has been awarded a contract to design and build a \$2.7 million solar farm at Hervey Bay.

Mr McRae said the premises at MetroWest Estate ticked all the boxes.

"Increased warehousing

capabilities mean greater efficiency and lower costs, and the increased office space will allow us to triple our staffing," he said.

"And being only 12km from Brisbane CBD it's close to major arterial roads."

Mr Ruig said MetroWest had proved a popular alternative for a range of light industry users traditionally drawn to the city fringe due to its proximity to inner-city precincts.

"All but one of the speculative buildings within the estate have been taken up during the past few months," he said.

The estate is home to companies such as Young Living, John Holland and Electropro.



POWER PLAY: Wright Property's Michael Platsis and Morgan Ruig negotiated Ingenero's move to 41 Bluestone Circuit in Seventeen Mile Rocks. Picture: Peter McNamara