

TRIMEGA INVESTS £200,000 IN MANCHESTER SITE



Hair we go with new lab

MANCHESTER will have a new laboratory for testing for alcohol and drug abuse when London-based Trimega opens a facility.

Trimega is initially investing £200,000 in the venture at Hexagon Tower Science Park in Blackley, where it will employ three scientists. It received help from inward investment agency MIDAS for the move.

Managing director Avi Lasarow's firm, founded in 2005, has offices and labs in Germany and South Africa as well as the UK.

He said the Manchester site would become a centre of excellence for hair and urine testing for drink and drug abuse.

Its samples can provide records of people's intake over a 12-month period. The technique is used to help local authorities, law firms and justice bodies ascertain levels of abuse by adults in cases involving childcare orders.

Other reasons for analysing hair samples include employee screening for jobs such as airline pilots, testing by sports bodies for evidence of drug use by players, and surgeons assessing a patient's suitability for a transplant.

» **CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE** Avi Lasarow with Sarah Iles, of inward investment agency MIDAS at Hexagon Tower