

## Mexicali's 'green' Silicon Border industrial park ready for occupancy

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.**—Silicon Border, a science and technology park located in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, has completed the infrastructure necessary to support phase one of its manufacturing development targeted for green technology companies.

Phase one is more than 500 acres of developed land, and is ready for its current and future tenants to begin construction of their manufacturing facilities.

The infrastructure build-out, financed by ING/Clarion, consists of potable water plant and distribution, fiber optic telephone and data cable, power substations, waste treatment facilities. Silicon Border not only provides manufacturing space to companies creating “green” products, but does so in an environmentally conscious manner.



The water treatment plant has been designed to recycle up to 90% of the water used within the park. The other 10% will be dedicated to irrigation and other uses within the park.

*Aerial view of Silicon Border Science & Technology Park*

This water treatment plant is considered state-of-the-art and will meet or exceed the exacting standards for water demanded by high technology manufacturing. In addition to a world-class water treatment facility that recycles virtually all the water within the Park, Silicon Border is the first Science Park in the world to exclusively use LED lighting for 100% of its roadways and parking lots. Silicon Border conforms to the strict LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System criteria.

Silicon Border partnered with Grupo Maiz in November 2007, who was chosen as the preferred contractor to design and manage the physical attributes of the science park. The park's total investment for the complete build-out will exceed \$150 million.

Construction of the infrastructure to support phase two will provide guaranteed and redundant sources of power and water for all park tenants in order to maximize the probability of uninterrupted, continued operations needed to support today's high technology manufacturing environment. This phase of the build-out, which will be an additional 900 acres, is projected to be completed in 2011.

The Science Park is in close proximity to three major area universities, and will be home to the Baja California State University campus of engineering.

Silicon Border Development is currently in discussion with a number of additional companies looking to grow their global operations.