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Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry to bother you, been asked a few questions by the speechwriter so best get it right!

- Did the plant remain operational throughout the pandemic, or was it closed during periods of lockdown? **Yes it remained operational (can we say more on any adaptations put in place to remain operational)**  
The facility has two plants, the original plant and the new one which is still being worked on. The original plant remained operational throughout the pandemic. This site focused on manufacturing small batches of the Covid vaccine. As essential workers they were allowed to work. Strict covid testing protocols were put in place. Non-manufacturing essential staff worked from home.
- There's a reference to a 'new site' in the event note. What is this? **(This is the new manufacturing facility which will enable large scale manufacture of vaccines (for use in treatment of several diseases))**  
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- I'm afraid I don't know much about the site or how long it has been open. Is there currently a research facility, as well as a manufacturing one? If so, what research has taken place / is currently taking place (for example, was their Covid vaccine developed there)? **Valneva acquired existing company, Intercell Biomedical in 2013 and has been supported through various expansions by Scottish Enterprise. The company undertake research into numerous vaccines at the R&D Hub in Livingston this includes the COVID-19 vaccine candidate which is currently in the approval process. Can we outline the various elements of the site?**  
The R&D work carried out at the facility relates to how vaccines that work in the lab can be commercialised and manufactured on a large scale.
- Will the SE funding allow Valneva to do something new at the facility, or simply continue the work already taking place there? **Yes, large scale manufacturing of vaccines – can you say more on exactly what the SE funding will enable.**  
SE funding is supporting 2 projects. Project 1. Supports the R&D work required to allow the Covid 19 vaccine to be produced in large volumes. Project 2. Supports the R&D work required to manufacture other vaccines in large volumes. All of this work can be described as new. Their Covid vaccine is the only inactivated vaccine manufactured in Europe, the

other vaccines the group are focusing on include the world first vaccines for Lyme disease and Chikungunya.

thanks!

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