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Boustead unit bags \$11m data centre contract

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2,200 sqm facility is to be built in Tuas Biomedical Park II

BOUSTEAD Singapore's industrial real estate arm Boustead Projects has landed an \$11 million contract to build a data centre in Tuas Biomedical Park II (TBP II) for a Fortune 100 transnational healthcare and pharmaceutical company.

The data centre, which will span a gross floor area of some 2,200 square metres, will be built next to its client's existing manufacturing plant at the 188-hectare TBP II, Boustead said, without revealing the client's name.

With completion slated for Q2 in 2012, the data centre will integrate data storage activities to serve the Asia Pacific region.

"With the addition of this contract, we have secured approximately \$77 million worth of new contracts since the start of FY2012 in April. We will continue to target opportunities across niche growth industries including the aviation, high-tech manufacturing and healthcare/bio-medical industries," said

Thomas Chu, Boustead Projects' managing director.

This is Boustead Projects' first project at TBP II, which hosts some of the world's biggest pharmaceutical names such as Abbott, GlaxoSmithKline, Novartis and Pfizer.

However, it is its third for the healthcare industry, after working on World Courier's regional distribution centre and logistics facility at Changi International LogisPark as well as a specialised hospital for Fortis Global Healthcare.

The latest contract also follows on the heels of other contracts announced in August, such as a \$42 million contract from Kerry Logistics for a logistics facility at the Tampines LogisPark and \$22 million worth of contracts for Boustead's energy-related engineering division from the oil & gas industries in Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The contract boosts Boustead Group's order book backlog to \$282 million.