

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### ***New Biosafety level 3 Laboratory Developments at both CBTBR Nodes Completed***

The second component of the Wits node laboratory infrastructure project, which was carried out under the auspices of the Braamfontein Complex Renovation Project of the NHLS, involved the construction of a new BSL3 laboratory in the James Gear Building, across the passage from the node's recently refurbished BSL2 laboratory. Construction work on the new laboratory commenced in November 2008 and was completed in June 2009. The new laboratory has tripled the amount of BSL3 space available to the Wits node for research involving the use of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

The SU node laboratory infrastructure project involved the extension of the existing BSL3 laboratory in the Fisan Building. Construction work on the extension commenced in March and was completed 29 May 2009. The amount of BSL3 space available to the SU node has doubled, thus increasing greatly the capacity for research.