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EcamRicert becomes part of Mérieux NutriSciences expanding its capabilities in the environment, food, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.

Monte di Malo, 1 July, 2019 - EcamRicert is today pleased to announce its acquisition within the Mérieux nutrisciences group, one of the global leaders in food safety and leader in environment testing in Italy.

Founded in 1984, EcamRicert is a laboratory based in Monte di Malo in the province of Vicenza, Italy. Initially specialized to monitor drinkable and mineral waters the lab gradually developed its service offering to support the environment, food, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.

EcamRicert is an active entity in the sector of lab analysis, certifications and tests. It provides highly professional and specialized services to its customers, with a view to usefulness for companies growth, always with respect for the environment, the people, and the today's and tomorrow's society. Through a transversal approach, EcamRicert supports customers in meeting the challenges that innovation brings with it on a daily basis. It is for this reason that it has always placed itself at the interface between the new and the consolidated deciding to focus on materials engineering, food supplements, nanotechnologies and microplastics, all topics of huge impact and resonance on the word markets.

Mérieux NutriSciences has the mission to improve public health through the safety of a wide range of food, pharmaceuticals, cosmetic and agrochemical products and consumer good. The company can boast more than 100 accredited laboratories worldwide, 16 of which, in Italy. In addition, the firm is present in 24 countries with more than 7000 employees.

The leading position in the environment sector in Italy of Mérieux NutriSciences is further reinforced by the acquisition of EcamRicert. Environmental activities indeed already represent 41% of the Italian revenues with 7 labs operating in this area.

Moreover, in a context where nanotechnology is an area of emerging interest opening up promising opportunities for several businesses, this buyout is highly valuable and complements the group's capabilities in nanotechnologies applied to different industrial sectors, including environment, food, pharma and cosmetics.

Andrea Camporese, Managing Director of EcamRicert expresses the enthusiasm of the staff in joining the Mérieux Nutrisciences group underlining that the sharing of skills and goals will become success factor to expand the group services globally.

"We are proud to combine our activities, goals and common culture with EcamRicert" said Philippe Sans, President & CEO of Mérieux NutriSciences, *"EcamRicert is a family-owned company, just like ours, and we are very confident that teams will identify themselves with our common values and vision."*

About EcamRicert: *EcamRicert is a company which has been active in the sector of laboratory analysis for more than 35 years. Today it's an analysis, testing, research and advice lab, equipped with modern and specific instruments and technologies for different sectors.* <https://ecamricert.com/>

About Mérieux NutriSciences: *Mérieux NutriSciences is a world player in food safety and quality for more than 50 years and, as part of Institut Mérieux, offers analytical and product development solutions to prevent health risks related to food and more generally to the use of everyday consumer products. The company also offers digital solutions as part of its dedicated business unit.* www.merieuxnutrisciences.com

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