



Eurofins Environment France doubles the size of its Saverne laboratory

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Eurofins, the world's leading provider of environmental laboratory services, inaugurates today a significant expansion of its site in Saverne (Alsace, France). The inaugural ceremony will be attended by representatives of the national government and local authorities who have supported the project, in particular Mr. Laurent Burckel, representing the Regional Council of Alsace and Mr. Emile Blessig, the Mayor of Saverne.

The 2,200 m² extension is dedicated to advanced analyses activities of polluted sites and soils, air and water testing. This new laboratory, completed in the summer, incorporates the latest state-of-the-art technology, combined with analysis and automation tools developed in-house.

The expanded and modernized facility incorporates the best practices identified in other Eurofins laboratories in Europe, and innovations that enable industrialization of high-quality analytical processes. The analytical platform is able to meet the significant rise in demand of customers in terms of volume of samples and fast analyses, while complying with increasing regulatory requirements (e.g. lower limit of quantification and wider analytical panel, among others).

This new extension brings the total area of the Saverne site to 3,500 m² and represents an investment of EUR 4.5m, of which EUR 1m is dedicated to the latest state-of-the-art analytical equipment. The expansion, carried out through the established long-term partnership with the Alsace Region and the city of Saverne, leads to the creation of 30 new jobs. With a workforce of 130 employees and 30,000 samples analysed per month, the newly-expanded Saverne site strengthens Eurofins leadership in the field of environmental testing in France, especially in the field of analyses of solids, polluted sites and soils, workplace air and industrial hygiene analyses.

Furthermore, the project has been designed for future expansion. Eurofins plans to continue investing in Saverne to increase its analytical capabilities, strengthening teams and invest in new equipment and technology to meet the needs of an increasing number of clients.

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Notes for the editor:**Eurofins – a global leader in bio-analysis**

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Eurofins is committed to pursuing its dynamic growth strategy by expanding both its technology portfolio and its geographic reach. Through R&D and acquisitions, the Group draws on the latest developments in the field of biotechnology and analytical chemistry to offer its clients unique analytical solutions and the most comprehensive range of testing methods.

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