

## **Eurofins strengthens its footprint in food and agrosience testing in Japan with new acquisitions**

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Eurofins Scientific (EUFI.PA), the world leader in food and agrosience testing services, announces the acquisitions of Japan Analytical Chemistry Consultants Co. Ltd. (“JACC”) and Ecopro Research K.K. (“Ecopro”). JACC is one of the largest independent agrosience testing laboratories in Japan and Ecopro is a leading food testing laboratory in Japan.

JACC is one of the largest Japanese independent GLP pesticide residue laboratories for agrochemical-registration, with more than 40 years of chemical testing experience and know-how. JACC has the accreditation from the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), and serves chemical and agrochemical clients by offering pesticide analyses for river water, air and soil samples as well as analyses for active agrochemical ingredients and formulations. With accreditations from the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) and MAFF, Ecopro provides food testing services, including pesticide residue testing, nutrition analyses, and microbiology testing. Ecopro focuses specifically on tea samples and metabolome analysis for functional food. JACC and Ecopro employ 40 and 30 staff, respectively.

The two acquisitions reinforce Eurofins’ leadership position in the pesticide residue food market and provide Eurofins an entry in the agrosience market in Japan. The acquisition of Ecopro complements Eurofins’ existing local food-testing capabilities and is strategically located in Shizuoka, the largest tea-producing area in Japan.

Comment from **Dr. Gilles Martin**, Eurofins CEO: “The acquisitions of JACC and Ecopro have a good strategic fit with Eurofins’ existing food and agrosience testing businesses and will help to expand our offerings in Japan. These acquisitions will reinforce the Groups’ growing footprint in Asia Pacific, and are a clear demonstration of our strong commitment in this geographical region. We look forward to providing JACC and Ecopro access to the full capabilities of the Eurofins network.”

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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.

As one of the most innovative and quality oriented international players in its industry, Eurofins is ideally positioned to support its clients' increasingly stringent quality and safety standards and the expanding demands of regulatory authorities around the world.

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