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SYNLAB is pleased to announce the acquisition of Geneius Laboratories Ltd based in Cramlington, Northumberland.

SYNLAB was attracted to the Geneius business given its dedication to innovation and its unique position in consultancy and analytical laboratory services that provides reassurance to the food, drink and industrials sectors and supply chains. These are markets in which SYNLAB has extensive expertise in its wider European business as well as its existing UK food testing business, through the acquisition of Genon, a market leader in food allergen testing.

This acquisition extends SYNLAB's repertoire of food and specialist microbiology testing services in the UK. This deal also complements the range of specialist testing services provided across SYNLAB's wider European lab business.

#### **About Geneius Laboratories**

Geneius is a science-led business that delivers solutions to provide total reassurance across the production and supply chain. Geneius is a market leader in investigative microbiology using bespoke DNA analysis and to be the first choice provider for quality led analytical testing in the food and beverage, biotechnology, chemical, environmental, cosmetic, healthcare and consumer products sectors.

Geneius was founded in 2007 at Newcastle University. The cornerstone and differentiation of the business remains the ability to utilise and develop DNA technology to identify and investigate micro-organisms in foodstuffs with the highest level of reliability and accuracy. The Company has become one of Northern England's high tech success stories employing more than 50 people. SYNLAB will continue to support the development of unique DNA-based testing methods, which ensure the service stays at the forefront of investigative microbiology and bespoke problem solving.

The rationale for acquisition of Geneius Laboratories is to continue to broaden the repertoire of microbiological testing and leverage SYNLAB's wider expertise across Europe to provide customers with a one-stop-shop for testing services. Whilst continuing to support the growth and development of Geneius' portfolio to deliver a high level of service, SYNLAB will now also be able to offer a wider range of specialist services to its clients.

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