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Grand opening of BIVAC North America 'Agri- and Mineral laboratories' in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

BIVAC North America, a subsidiary of Bureau Veritas, a worldwide leader specializing in 'Commodity Inspections' announces the opening of a new state of the art facility in New Orleans, on December 16, 2008, at 110 Widgeon Dr., Suite 120. St. Rose, Louisiana – 70087.

The New Orleans operations centre and laboratories are furnished with state-of-the-art equipment able to handle a wide range of products testing. The agricultural laboratory is able to perform Agri-food (soybean, corn, wheat, sorghum, etc) analysis, which includes grading, traceability, microbiological and export and import contractual tests as well as others. The Metals & Minerals laboratory is fitted out to perform tests for sizing, moisture, and other contractual tests for metals, minerals, fertilizers and related products, such as pig iron, iron ore and metal scraps. This facility is strategically located between interstate 310 and the New Orleans International airport, within the premier James Business Park, close to the main terminals and ports of New Orleans and the Mississippi River Complex (Port of South Louisiana).

Our Louisiana project is an excellent example of the consolidation of Bureau Veritas reputation and growth within the commodity-testing sector. Currently Bureau Veritas Group is a market leader within these sectors, which are achieving growth faster than the overall norm for the economy.

"There are significant opportunities available to us within the region, and we need to take full advantage of our unique position. The implementation of our new lab enables us to offer our clients a complete service from inspection to testing thereby simplifying the process and improving efficiency," said Satiam (Sam) Khadar, Commercial Development and International Trade Manager BIVAC North America

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