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Bureau Veritas and Microsoft announce a worldwide partnership to launch testing services based on artificial intelligence

Paris-La Défense and Issy-Les-Moulineaux, France, February 27, 2019 – [Bureau Veritas](#), a world leader in testing, inspection and certification, and Microsoft, the leader in productivity platforms and services, are pleased to announce the conclusion of a global technical and business collaboration for the development of laboratory testing services based on artificial intelligence (AI).

Digital technology at the heart of Bureau Veritas' strategy

Bureau Veritas has incorporated digital technology as a key factor to leverage its growth initiatives as part of its 2015-2020 strategic plan. Bureau Veritas has teamed up with world leaders to offer new services incorporating new digital technologies in the fields of asset construction, with digital twins of buildings or ships, the control of the supply chain, with the blockchain, and the enhanced inspection of industrial assets by advanced data analysis. By joining forces today with Microsoft, Bureau Veritas will develop the use of artificial intelligence in its testing activities, while consolidating its technical approach by creating a data lab bringing together Bureau Veritas' experts in AI.

Thomas Daubigny, Vice-President and Group Chief Digital Officer of Bureau Veritas declared: *"Digital technology is a major opportunity for our customers and for the development of our activities. This new collaboration with Microsoft aims to deploy artificial intelligence in our laboratories in order to deliver more efficient testing services to our customers, while optimizing the working conditions of our laboratory technicians at the same time. And the new data lab will provide us with a breeding ground for genuine experts in the use of data to create value that will contribute to the achievement of our ambitions in the realm of the digital transformation."*

Microsoft's AI expertise as an enabler for Bureau Veritas' digital transformation

This alliance is the result of a first collaborative initiative in oil condition monitoring for Bureau Veritas' Commodities business. Bureau Veritas plans to extend the use of artificial intelligence in all its laboratories through this partnership. These augmented laboratory services will be applicable to all types of tests on commodities, consumer products and components, in order to check that they comply with standards, regulations or customer specifications, and to conduct independent risk assessments.

The Bureau Veritas Group's engineers and technicians will use the Microsoft Azure cloud platform to boost their production capacity and to deploy new test processes. Microsoft will support Bureau Veritas in the use of these tools, but also to show the Group's customers how progress in artificial intelligence is being used in laboratory testing.

Laurent Curny, General Manager of Microsoft Services concluded: *"We are very proud that Bureau Veritas chose Microsoft to accelerate its digital transformation, in particular by creating its data lab. Thanks to artificial intelligence and the Azure Cloud, Bureau Veritas will be able to offer innovative new services to its customers, such as assistance with laboratory test procedures using machine learning, remote inspections that use visual recognition services and knowledge extraction, thanks to the semantic exploration of documentary content."*

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About Bureau Veritas

Bureau Veritas is a world leader in laboratory testing, inspection and certification services. Created in 1828, the Group has more than 75,000 employees located in more than 1,500 offices and laboratories around the globe. Bureau Veritas helps its clients improve their performance by offering services and innovative solutions, in order to ensure that their assets, products, infrastructure and processes meet standards and regulations in terms of quality, health and safety, environmental protection and social responsibility.

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About Microsoft

Microsoft (Nasdaq "MSFT" @microsoft) enables digital transformation for the era of an intelligent cloud and an intelligent edge. Its mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more.

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