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SMITHERS VISCIENT EXPANDS ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER SAFETY TESTING FOOTPRINT IN UNITED KINGDOM

HARROGATE, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM – April 10, 2013 -- Smithers Viscient , a global leader in environmental sciences, announced today the purchase and renovation plans for their new UK laboratory, to be based in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. The site, in close proximity to Smithers Viscient's existing Harrogate location, will be developed into a purpose-built laboratory over the next eight months. Once complete, the new facility will serve as the base for all of Smithers Viscient's UK-based scientists and lab operations.

The new site, which has significant expansion capabilities, will serve Smithers Viscient as the organisation looks to expand its portfolio and capacity of environmental and consumer safety testing services. Smithers Viscient, a Smithers Group company, has laboratories in North America and the United Kingdom, and has been providing environmental services for over 40 years. Smithers Viscient employs approximately 200 personnel worldwide.

Providing world-class scientific and regulatory expertise in product registration and risk assessment, Smithers Viscient serves clients in the agrochemical, pharmaceutical, industrial chemical and animal health industries.

"The move to the new facility marks a very positive step in our global strategic growth plans. The site will enable improvement, enhancement, and advancement in terms of our space and laboratory operations, making it possible to provide an even broader range of environmental risk assessment service offerings," said Dr. Volker Bornemann, President of Smithers Viscient.

"This is a very exciting time for our business. We are proud to retain our roots within Harrogate, as we are committed to maintaining the strong ties we have established with the local economy, community and schools," commented David Phillips, Managing Director of Smithers Viscient in Europe.

Recognized globally, Smithers Viscient provides a comprehensive range of environmental risk assessment and consumer safety testing services including; Ecotoxicology, Environmental Fate,

Biodegradation, Transformation and Metabolism studies , Physical Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Residue Chemistry, Regulatory Services, and Project Management.

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