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PRESS RELEASE

Smithers Viscient EU Awarded CIR Approval

HARROGATE, North Yorkshire, UK – 1 December 2014 -- North Yorkshire based CRO, Smithers Viscient, which works and collaborates with pharmaceutical, animal health, biotechnology and agchem companies around the world, announced today that it has received CIR approval from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (La Ministère de L'Education nationale de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche, MENESR) for 2014 to the end of 2016.

Smithers Viscient's MD, David Phillips, commented:

"After a year of working towards the accreditation we are pleased to have been approved for the Research Tax Credit, or Crédit d'Impôt Recherche accreditation from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research. It will further strengthen our relationships with our French clients who require our environmental and consumer safety contract research and regulatory services."

This tax incentive is offered by the French Government to encourage science and innovation. The tax credit covers 30% of all R&D expenditure of sub-contracted research activities and will allow eligible research-intensive French companies, who are subject to corporate tax in France, the opportunity to claim tax relief on costs generated in R&D activities that are outsourced to Smithers Viscient.

Smithers Viscient already has a history of successful partnerships with a variety of French Research and Development companies in the Pharmaceutical, Biotech and Agchem industries. The CRO believes that this

new development, coupled with competitive pricing and first class R&D facilities available at their new Harrogate (UK) laboratory, will prove to be an attractive offering for companies in France looking to utilise Smithers Viscient's unique expertise and capabilities.

Please contact Smithers Viscient on +44 (0) 1423 532 710 for further information or if you would like to see a copy of the letter granting French Research Tax Credit accreditation, please go to:
<http://www.smithersviscient.com/documents/CIR-Letter-of-approval-2014.pdf>

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Note to Editors:

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