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Upscience, a global French Company in Laboratory Analysis, strengthens its operations in Brazil through the acquisition of the reference laboratory Labtec

Upscience is an international network of laboratories present in 3 continents that has a wide and specialized technological range of analyses in the most diverse segments, being a reference in veterinary, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, food, environment, among others analyses. It strengthens its operations in the Brazilian market through the acquisition of the top generation laboratory, Labtec, which has a "State of Art" structure located in the State of São Paulo. This laboratory deals with the most advanced technologies, controls and certifications, being a reference laboratory for many different segments and surveillance bodies in the national market. This acquisition allows the company to develop its activities in Brazil, expand its portfolio of analyzes and position itself as one of the main laboratories in the country, effectively contributing to the verification of safety, compliance, quality control, effectiveness, research and development in many sectors.

Upscience is a worldwide network of laboratories with more than 50 years of experience

Since 2014, Upscience has accelerated its international development and has more than 300 scientists and specialists in Europe, Asia and South America. It builds on its analytical skills, providing reliability, agility, quality and support to its customers by providing solutions to facilitate and accelerate the continuous development of the various sectors of the world market. Upscience aspires to develop its worldwide presence. The acquisition of Labtec laboratory illustrates this trend.

Labtec is a state-of-the-art laboratory, which meets the demand of high-standard markets

The acquisition of Labtec, a company with more than 35 years of experience in the local market, will facilitate the development of Upscience's activities in Brazil. Upscience will provide a wide range of services thanks to this installed capacity with high technology equipment distributed in 2,000 m² of constructed area.

Headquartered in Hortolândia (São Paulo state), with easy access to the Bandeirantes and Anhanguera highways, near to Viracopos airport, the samples easily reach the site. With more than 70 specialists, the multidisciplinary team of chemists, biologists, pharmacists, biochemists, engineers and technicians in food and chemistry is prepared to meet the very strict requirements of the analysis laboratories market.

Labtec has more than 500 different types of physico-chemical and microbiological analyzes in its portfolio with expertise in quality control tests, stability studies, residues, contaminant analysis, degradation tests, pharmaceutical equivalence, dissolution profile, development and validation of analytical methodology. The

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scientific synergies (multi-technical competence, knowledge, methodologies and technologies) combined with the worldwide network of Upscience laboratories will support the development of our clients at global level.

Labtech is accredited MAPA - Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, ABNT ISO / IEC 17025 by INMETRO, qualified by REBLAS - Brazilian Network of Analytical Laboratory in Health (ANVISA) and EQFAR - Pharmaceutical Equivalence. It is also part of national and international inter-laboratory programs such as FAPAS, INCQS, Fiocruz, among others, underlining the analytical quality standards of the laboratory.

The integration of Labtec within Upscience will favor major synergies to provide solutions, customized support and excellence to the customers.

"The Upscience global footprint will enable Labtec to expand its range of analyses and increase the synergies provided by a worldwide network of laboratories. It will also improve its coverage of operations and meet even more effectively the needs of its customers," explains an Upscience Executive.

This acquisition confirms Upscience's confidence in the growth potential of the Brazilian market and its objective to provide concrete solutions to the various demands and needs of its heterogeneous market segments.

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