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Inspicio ranked in top 20 of Britain's private equity-backed companies by Sunday Times Deloitte Buyout Track 100

Impressive growth record leads to a position in the top 20

8 February - Inspicio, a global leader in the international inspection and testing market is pleased to announce that it has been included in the top 20 companies in the Sunday Times Deloitte Buyout Track 100.

Published on 7 February 2010, the Sunday Times Buyout Track 100 league table ranks Britain's 100 private equity-backed companies with the fastest-growing profits (using EBITDA).

A typical Buyout Track 100 company will have profit growth ranging from 25% pa to 180% pa (and profits ranging between £3m and £50m). In addition, the company's sales must range between £20m and £300m and at least 20% of the company must be owned by private equity houses. Inspicio was taken private in 2008 when 3i backed a £280m public-to-private buyout.

Mark Silver, Chief Executive Officer, Inspicio Ltd commented "We are delighted to have been awarded a top 20 position. It is gratifying to have our hard work and success independently recognised as amongst the best in the UK.

Founded in 2005, Inspicio now comprises over 8,000 employees in 130 countries. Our commodities, food and environmental testing divisions, provide testing, inspection and certification services to a wide variety of industries, from milk to coal. For example, Inspicio recently tested for ground contamination at the 2012 London Olympics site."

Inspicio's profits have risen 75% year on year from £12.9m in 2006 to an annualised £39.5m in 2008 as a result of acquisitions and organic growth.

It is this impressive track record which has led to the company's position.

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About Inspicio

With over 8,000 employees operating in 130 countries, Inspicio is a global leader in the international inspection and testing market. The Group operates across three key market segments: commodities, environmental and food testing. Inspicio is wholly owned by 3i and the Group's management and employees.



The Inspicio strategy is to develop the Group through both organic and acquisitive growth, combined with operational excellence, whilst maximising any consolidation opportunities. The Inspicio vision is to become a significant global player in the TIC market. www.inspicio.com

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