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Inspicio Ltd acquires Inpechem Inspectors B.V. through its Inspectorate business

Acquisition strengthens the service offerings in The Netherlands

1 December – Ltd – Inspicio, a global leader in the international inspection and testing market is pleased to announce its acquisition of Inpechem Inspectors B.V, Rotterdam, through its Inspectorate business. This latest acquisition strengthens Inspectorates offering in The Netherlands adding more than 20 employees as well as a well equipped laboratory in the Waalhaven area of Rotterdam.

Inpechem Inspectors B.V specialises in the survey and analysis of fuel oil and petrochemicals and this latest acquisition is in line with company plans for expansion in Western Europe and is complementary to the Inspectorate Group's existing activities in the region.

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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

About Inspectorate

Inspectorate is wholly owned by Inspicio Ltd and one of the world's leading inspection and testing organisations. Its independent inspection and testing services are delivered at key trading locations across the world and it has more than 6,000 experienced members of staff, including geologists, master mariners and chemists.

Inspectorate believe every contract is unique and prides itself on offering a personalised service in the very locations in which our clients operate, including new and emerging markets. For more information, visit www.inspectorate.com