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Inspicio acquire Enfer Group BSE and Food Testing Laboratories

Inspicio, a global leader in industrial testing, inspection and conformity is continuing its successful buy and build strategy with the acquisition of the Irish BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) and Food Testing laboratories from the Enfer Group.

The new acquisition will be combined with Inspicio's existing business in Ireland AMS (Advanced Microservices Ltd) and headed by Billy Coleman, currently MD of the Inspicio Irish BSE testing business. It will form part of the Inspicio Food Division.

Enfer will continue to operate its veterinary R&D and diagnostic kit manufacturing business in Naas, Co. Kildare.

Mark Silver, CEO Inspicio, said: "The Enfer business has a great reputation in Ireland and is an important addition to the Inspicio Food Division. The combined group will have a strong position in Ireland as well as giving us the largest BSE laboratory in Europe. This puts us in a strong position to grow the business both organically and overseas. We look forward to welcoming the Enfer team into the Inspicio Group."

Martin Crowley, Financial Director Enfer said: "The sale of the Irish service division of the business to Inspicio enables Enfer to focus on delivering new veterinary technologies to serve its customers across Europe and the USA".

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About Inspicio

With over 6,500 employees operating in almost 130 countries, Inspicio is a world leader in the international inspection and testing market.

Initially listed on AIM in April 2005, Inspicio started its growth with the acquisition of Inspectorate, a global leader in testing and inspection services, in October 2005. Since then, it has made three further acquisitions - Environmental Services Group from Mowlem plc in April 2006; Eclipse Scientific Ltd completed in August 2006; and Scientifics Ltd in June 2007. Inspicio is now wholly owned by the 3i Group.

The Inspicio strategy is focused on growth. It aims to grow through acquisitions as well as structuring acquired businesses for organic growth and maximising any consolidation opportunities. The Inspicio vision is to become a significant global player in the testing, inspection and performance conformity market. www.inspicio.com

About Enfer

Enfer provides a range of products and services to the veterinary, pharmaceutical and food industry, specialising in BSE and microbiological testing. Founded in 1990, Enfer has grown from strength to strength over the past two decades and prides itself on the use the latest technologies and the best

science to give accurate, cost effective and rapid results in the sectors in which it operates. It has two laboratories, in Clonmel and Newbridge.