

# Press Release

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## **Intertek Acquires pharmaceutical testing company Alta Analytical Laboratory**

**Houston USA, London UK** - Intertek Group Plc (Intertek), the leading international provider of quality and safety services to a wide range of industries, announces that its Oil, Chemical and Agri division (Caleb Brett) has acquired Alta Analytical Laboratories Inc (Alta).

Alta is a leading supplier of Immunochemistry and LC/MS/MS bio-analytical services to the pharmaceutical and biotech industries in North America. Alta has laboratories located in San Diego and near Sacramento, California with approximately 110 staff and counts major global pharmaceutical companies among its clients. Both laboratories are known for their technical expertise, rigorous compliance programs, and excellent customer service.

The acquisition will advance Intertek's strategic growth in supporting the global pharmaceutical and biotech industries through the provision of extensive method development capabilities and a comprehensive range of state of the art analytical testing services. Intertek's Executive Vice President and CEO of the Caleb Brett Division, Mark Loughhead comments; "Alta has earned an outstanding reputation for quality and service and its expertise will further expand our ability to respond to the needs of the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry for outsourced R&D and testing support. It establishes a firm platform for further development for Intertek in the USA." Intertek already provides testing services to pharmaceutical clients from its laboratories in the UK.

Bob Bethem and Jo Smolec, Ph.D., the Alta Analytical Laboratory business heads, comment; "Acquisition by Intertek allows Alta the ability to invest in the next phase of expansion to grow our services and offer extended expertise to our existing clients. Becoming part of Intertek's global business and reach provides a powerful opportunity to expand our bio-analytical services to existing and new international customers and markets."

### **About Intertek:**

Intertek Group Plc (FTSE: ITRK) is a leading international provider of quality and safety services to a wide range of global and local industries. Partnership with Intertek brings increased value to customers' products and processes, ultimately supporting their success in the global market place. Intertek has the experience, expertise, resources and global reach to support its customers through their network of 910 laboratories and offices, 17,400 people in 110 countries around the world. [www.intertek.com](http://www.intertek.com)

### **About Intertek's pharmaceutical services:**

Intertek's Oil, Chemical & Agri division, Intertek Caleb Brett, provides 24/7/365 testing and inspection services to the global chemical, petroleum and refining industries and provides a wide range of routine and non-routine laboratory testing services to support pharmaceutical, biotechnology and nanotechnology clients. A growing international network of Intertek laboratories serves clients on a global basis with services including



laboratory testing, outsourcing, inspection, R&D and process services. Intertek laboratories are ideally suited to support a diverse range of fine chemical, pharmaceutical and biotech activities. <http://www.intertek-cb.com/newsitetest/services/pharmaceutical/index.shtml>

**About Alta Analytical Laboratory:**

Alta Analytical Laboratory is a contract testing laboratory with locations in two California, USA sites; Sacramento and San Diego. Alta provides liquid chromatography mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) and immunochemistry contract laboratory services to pharmaceutical, biotech and chemical clients. Since 1990, Alta has provided Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) services for early drug development, and pre-clinical and clinical studies out of its LC-MS/MS lab near Sacramento. The company added immunochemistry services in San Diego in 1999. Alta's primary strength lies in its ability to rapidly develop robust and sensitive analytical methodologies and efficiently utilize these novel methods in a high throughput setting. <http://www.altalab.com/>

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