

Intertek Group plc

Intertek outsourcing contract from Avecia Limited

Intertek Group plc (Intertek), the global testing, inspection and certification company, announces the award by Avecia Limited to Intertek Caleb Brett of the outsourcing of its expert analytical testing requirements for an initial two year period with sales of approximately £3.6m per annum. This agreement involves the purchase of the net assets of Avecia's Analytical Sciences Group (ASG), including equipment with a net book value of £2.4m.

ASG has 53 staff and is a world-class laboratory for the analysis and characterisation of chemicals and has developed strong expertise in the practical resolution of manufacturing problems.

Chief Executive Officer, Richard Nelson commented, "This agreement provides Caleb Brett with a wide range of testing capabilities in specialty and fine chemicals for chemical and pharmaceutical companies and will significantly enhance Caleb Brett's outsourcing opportunities"

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