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PRESS RELEASE

Trescal becomes Nr 1 in calibration services in the United Kingdom.

May 19th, 2009 - Trescal becomes Nr 1 in calibration services in the United Kingdom thanks to the acquisition of ASAP Calibration and QEMS assets from QinetiQ Group.

The acquisition consists of 3 laboratories and around 10 LCS (local customers support) spread throughout the country giving Trescal a best-in-class service range and a greater geographical coverage. Indeed, the broad spectrum of technical skills and related accreditations enable the group to cover just about all customers' measurement requirements with a highly experienced and qualified team of 130 engineers.

2008 turnover was around £13 million achieved with customers in Aerospace, Defence, Automotive, Transportation and Pharmaceutical industries.

" Trescal now benefits from a leading position in the UK market, whilst also reinforcing its European leadership. This acquisition consolidates our "one-stop-shop" offer for test & measurement equipments in the UK and embodies our strategy to accompany our industrial customers wherever they are located." Olivier Delrieu, Trescal CEO.

"In less than eighteen months since we acquired the company, six acquisitions were made in 6 different countries consolidating Trescal as the European leader of calibration services. Astorg has been a proactive shareholder supporting the Management of Trescal to implement this successful build-up strategy and the Management of Trescal united their strengths efficiently to reach this objective." Xavier Moreno, President of Astorg Partners.

"ARJIL is delighted to contribute to Trescal's European leadership in calibration, having identified this opportunity and advised the Company during exclusive negotiations with QinetiQ." Henri Bouvatier, Associé d'ARJIL – Groupe Altium.

With this last acquisition, the European network of Trescal reaches 45 calibration laboratories offering a truly unique range of calibration services.

About Trescal (<u>www.trescal.com</u>)

Trescal, European leader in calibration provides a broad range of services for the **test and measuring equipment market**. Trescal is represented in 11 European countries: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Rumania.

Supplementing the standard technical services (verification, calibration and repair of T&M instruments), Trescal offers its expertise for the implementation and acquisition of measurement systems, customised equipment pool management software solutions, metrology and technical support, and training.

Trescal operates in over 45 calibration laboratories and employs over 1000 people across Europe. Trescal services 20,000 customers in various sectors such as Defence, Aerospace, Aeronautics, Automotive, Power Generation & Utilities,

Electronics Manufacturing, Communications and Medical & Chemistry. Including ASAP acquisition, Trescal's pro forma sales for 2009 will amount to ~95 million Euros.

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About Astorg Partners (www.astorg-partners.com)

Astorg Partners is an independent private equity fund management company, specializing in French mid-market buyouts with total funds of over €1 billion under management. Astorg Partners seeks to partner with successful and entrepreneurial management teams, to acquire businesses - very often family-owned - with attractive growth prospects, which Astorg will support through the provision of experienced governance and adequate capital. Astorg enjoys a distinct entrepreneurial culture, a lean and local decision-making body enhancing its reactivity, and has a true commitment to its partnering management teams.

Although clearly a multi-sector investor, Astorg Partners has developed solid industry expertise in distribution (Sephora, Marc Orian, Un Jour Ailleurs, Picard Surgelés, Frans Bonhomme), healthcare (Sebia, Pasteur-Cerba, Ethypharm), and professional services (Lowendal Group, RLD, CIS, Geoservices, Staci, Webhelp, Trescal).

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