



Announcement – ALS Continues to Expand into USA Environmental Markets

We are extremely pleased to announce that effective November 1, 2011, ALS Group has acquired Columbia Analytical Services, an environmental testing laboratory network headquartered in Kelso, Washington with six locations in the USA.

Columbia Analytical Services (CAS) is a leading full-service independent network of analytical testing laboratories in the United States. CAS operates six laboratories, located in Kelso, WA, Rochester, NY, Jacksonville, FL, Simi Valley, CA, Houston, TX, and Tucson, AZ. CAS has earned an outstanding reputation built over 25 years of service to a diverse portfolio of clients from industry, government, and consulting firms. CAS' comprehensive suite of laboratory testing services, offered through a network of specialty and general laboratories, provides its clients with high quality, legally defensible data for use in promoting human health and environmental protection.

With over 330 employees, CAS offers a broad portfolio of various and unique analytical methods and testing procedures for evaluating the authenticity, origin, safety, identity, composition and purity of chemical and biological substances and products. CAS's clients include government bodies, numerous Fortune 500 companies, engineering and consulting firms and many regional businesses.

The ALS Group (ALS) is a global, diversified testing and inspection services company with a presence in five continents, offering a broad range of services to leading global companies. We have an enviable reputation for delivering a quality service which includes accurate and timely data, expert support, and a culture of safety and innovation maintains ALS leadership position. Our services specifically support Mining and Mineral exploration, Commodity certification, Environmental monitoring, Equipment maintenance, Food and Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance, and Industrial operations. ALS operates internationally in six distinct areas: Minerals, Coal, Environmental, Tribology, Industrial, Food and Pharmaceutical.

Raj Naran, ALS Environmental, Vice President – Europe and North America, states: “The technical expertise, reputation and service excellence that CAS has developed complements and broadens our existing USA based business. With the addition of CAS, ALS is well positioned in the USA environmental market as a premier provider of analytical services. In the future, we plan to further expand our market reach in the USA by providing clients with access to the combined services of CAS and ALS in a larger number of locations and a broader base of capabilities.”

The ALS Group is very excited about the potential of future business opportunities within Canada, USA, Mexico, and abroad. This step towards increased growth and diversity in the company's range of capabilities, will serve to solidify ALS Group's position as a world leader in the provision of globally distributed analytical testing and inspection services.

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