

ERBER Group Adds to ROMER LABS in UK with Acquisition

On Tuesday, October 9, 2019 ERBER Group company ROMER LABS announced its acquisition of Food Allergen Centre.

Getzersdorf/Lower Austria, October 9, 2019 – ROMER LABS, a leading provider of diagnostic solutions for the agricultural, food and feed industries and a strategic business unit of the ERBER Group, expands its food allergen analytical service capabilities with the recent acquisition of Food Allergen Centre (FAC), a UKAS-accredited analytical services laboratory located in Wells, Somerset in the United Kingdom.

Romer Labs now owns 100% of shares in Food Allergen Centre, which will be operated as a subsidiary of Romer Labs UK Ltd. under the name ROMER LABS FAC.

The acquisition represents yet another milestone for ROMER LABS and parent company ERBER Group in the rapidly growing food allergen testing market.

Established in 2008, FAC has distinguished itself through exceptional service and tailored solutions for a variety of customers in the food and drink industries and contract laboratories. With expertise drawn from backgrounds in these sectors as well as public analyst laboratories, FAC has developed a broad portfolio of food allergen services, including ELISA and enzymatic methods for a variety of analytes such as lactose, gluten, egg, milk proteins and soya.

Eva Wanzenböck, Managing Director, ROMER LABS, is pleased to welcome FAC to ROMER LABS: "With the acquisition of FAC, we are underscoring our commitment to excellence in food allergen testing in the United Kingdom. FAC has a superb reputation in the analytical community there, and their capabilities are a fine complement to our already robust portfolio of allergen testing solutions in the UK. We welcome our new colleagues and look forward to working together to serve the food production and food analysis sectors in the UK and beyond."

John Summers, Laboratory Director, ROMER LABS FAC, commented: "The dangers that food with allergenic content can pose to those with food allergies cannot be overestimated. Precision in food allergen testing is crucial to the health of millions of consumers worldwide. As the former owner of FAC and now the lab director of ROMER LABS FAC, I look forward to continuing to emphasize those values that have guided us to success since our founding: customer service, scientific excellence and efficiency."

Romer Labs

Romer Labs is a leading global supplier of diagnostic solutions for food and feed safety. We offer a broad range of innovative tests and services covering mycotoxins, food pathogens,

food allergens, gluten, GMO, veterinary drug residues, and other food contaminants. Furthermore, we operate four accredited, full-service laboratories on three continents.

ERBER Group

ERBER Group is a leading group of companies in the field of food and feed safety, focusing on natural feed additives, feed and food analysis and plant/crop protection with headquarters in Austria/Getzersdorf. It generated a turnover of more than 350 million euros in 2018. ERBER Group consists of BIOMIN, ROMER LABS, SANPHAR and EFB. Including distribution partners, ERBER Group is represented in more than 140 countries worldwide. The international orientation and the in-house research and development are important success factors for the annual growth.

ERBER Group is an expert organization and world leader in the original core business of mycotoxin risk management. Powerful in-house research and development provides the basis for developing customer-focused and innovative solutions, which is particularly supported by collaborations with renowned universities and research institutions.

The company was founded in 1983 as "ERBER KG" by Erich und Margarete Erber in Pottenbrunn (Austria) and was renamed later on "BIOMIN GmbH" and is still family run. More information at www.erber-group.net

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