

Cerba European Lab continues its development in South East of France.**Clinical pathology group Cerba European Lab announces its takeover of JSBIO, a group of laboratories located in Bouches du Rhône, the Var, Vaucluse and Alpes Maritimes.**

The takeover strengthens the group's position in the PACA region, where it has been operating since 2010 through Biotop Développement, making it a major player from both a medical and economic perspective.

The new regional group created by the takeover will boast a multidisciplinary team comprising 80 clinical pathologists, almost 700 employees, 73 laboratories and several technical facilities. It will introduce complementarities and synergies enabling it to reach new heights in terms of quality, harmonisation of practices, efficacy of care and medical expertise, while retaining a local, personalised service and improving its availability and medical support offer. Cerba European Lab's innovation platform will provide the group with new biomarkers and new services, enabling it to meet the sector's medical and economic requirements.

Catherine Courboillet, CEO of Cerba European Lab, said:

"JSBIO joining the Cerba European Lab group represents a key stage in our development strategy for France, and particularly the PACA region. We are proud to welcome JSBIO into the group: we share the same aim of strengthening the role of clinical pathology in the healthcare supply chain. Our group focuses particularly on the research and development of new laboratory tests, on developing our organisations and anticipating ever more demanding quality standards, in order that we can provide a professional response to challenges in healthcare. The synergies we develop are designed to provide healthcare professionals and patients with consistently innovative healthcare solutions."

CERBA EUROPEAN LAB

Cerba European Lab is a clinical pathology group active in all three sections of the market: routine clinical pathology, specialist clinical pathology and clinical trial pathology. Cerba European Lab comprises a network of 200 laboratories and over 150 sampling centres located primarily in France, as well as elsewhere in Europe and in the United States, South Africa, Australia and China.

It has 2600 employees, including almost 200 pharmacists and clinical pathologists, and carries out over 170,000 laboratory tests every day.

In 2013, its consolidated sales amounted to €352 million.

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