

## PRESS RELEASE

### Trescal, European leader in calibration services, strengthens its position in Italy

Brescia, May 9th, 2008 - Trescal, through its subsidiary in Italy, announces the acquisition of the calibration laboratory SICI located at Merate near Bergame in Italy.

The laboratory, which employs ten people and has a turnover of approx. 1 M€, operates mainly in the dimensional and physical measurement fields. It is accredited in temperature, force, hardness, pressure and acceleration.

Through this acquisition, Trescal will strengthen its geographical coverage of the existing five regional laboratories operating in Italy, whilst expanding its development potential with the implementation of identified synergies.

The timing of this acquisition (only six months have elapsed since Trescal left Air Liquide) demonstrates the willingness of the group to set forth its strategy of external growth in order to strengthen its position as the European leader in providing calibration services to large industrial companies.

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**Trescal, European leader in calibration provides a broad range of services for the *test and measuring equipment market*.**

*Trescal is represented in 7 European countries: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands.*

*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 excess of 30 calibration laboratories and employs over 700 people across Europe. Trescal services 15,000 customers in various sectors such as Defence, Aerospace, Aeronautics, Automotive, Power Generation & Utilities, Electronics Manufacturing, Communications and Medical & Chemistry. Trescal achieved a turn-over of 71 million Euros in 2007.*

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