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Derwentside Environmental Services opens materials testing lab at BioCity Scotland

Derwentside Environmental Testing Services (DETS) is the latest firm to secure a Scottish office and laboratory services within the BioCity Scotland hub. The new laboratory facilities for DETS are equipped as a UKAS accredited asbestos laboratory, primarily for the identification and quantification of bulk materials and soil samples. DETS opened its Scottish operations this month, March 2014. It will act as a collection point for sample containers, collections and deliveries, and a drop off point for customers using other services within the group company.

DETS provides a wide range of quality UKAS accredited analytical services for the environmental, construction, waste fuel and engineering industries. Established in 1999, in Consett, DETS has expanded year on year and has become one of the most respected analytical laboratories in the UK, providing crucial support to developers and environmental consultants in examining soil samples for potential contaminants.

DETS chose BioCity Scotland as the location for their first labs in Scotland, given the proximity to the M8 corridor in Central Scotland. Bill French has been appointed team leader and the firm expects to create 3 new jobs within the next year.

DETS was founded in the north east of England as a specialist service company which identifies potential contaminants on land being considered for development. Clients of DETS include environmental consultants, government departments, contaminated land officers, the Health and Safety Executive, and Planning departments who may need analysis for risk assessment reports.

Richard Bennett, managing director of Derwentside Environmental Services said: "the opening of our Scottish labs continues our strategy of being close to our customers to give them the best possible services. Where ground is being reclaimed for new development and construction, and may have had heavy industrial use in their past, waste products or remaining residues may present a hazard to the environment they are in. Our services determine the waste classification, and support contaminated land management provision. We can provide rapid turnaround of test results to our clients who need a transparent and defensible audit trail to reduce risk to the environment, individuals and the company. Accurate classification of the presence of potential pollutants and advice and costings for their disposal are essential services for environmental consultancies, risk assessors and contaminated land offices within local authorities."

Fraser Black, managing director of BioCity Scotland, says: "I extend a warm welcome to the team from Derwentside Environmental Services joining us here at BioCity Scotland. Their presence continues to add to the diversity of companies using our highly equipped facilities."

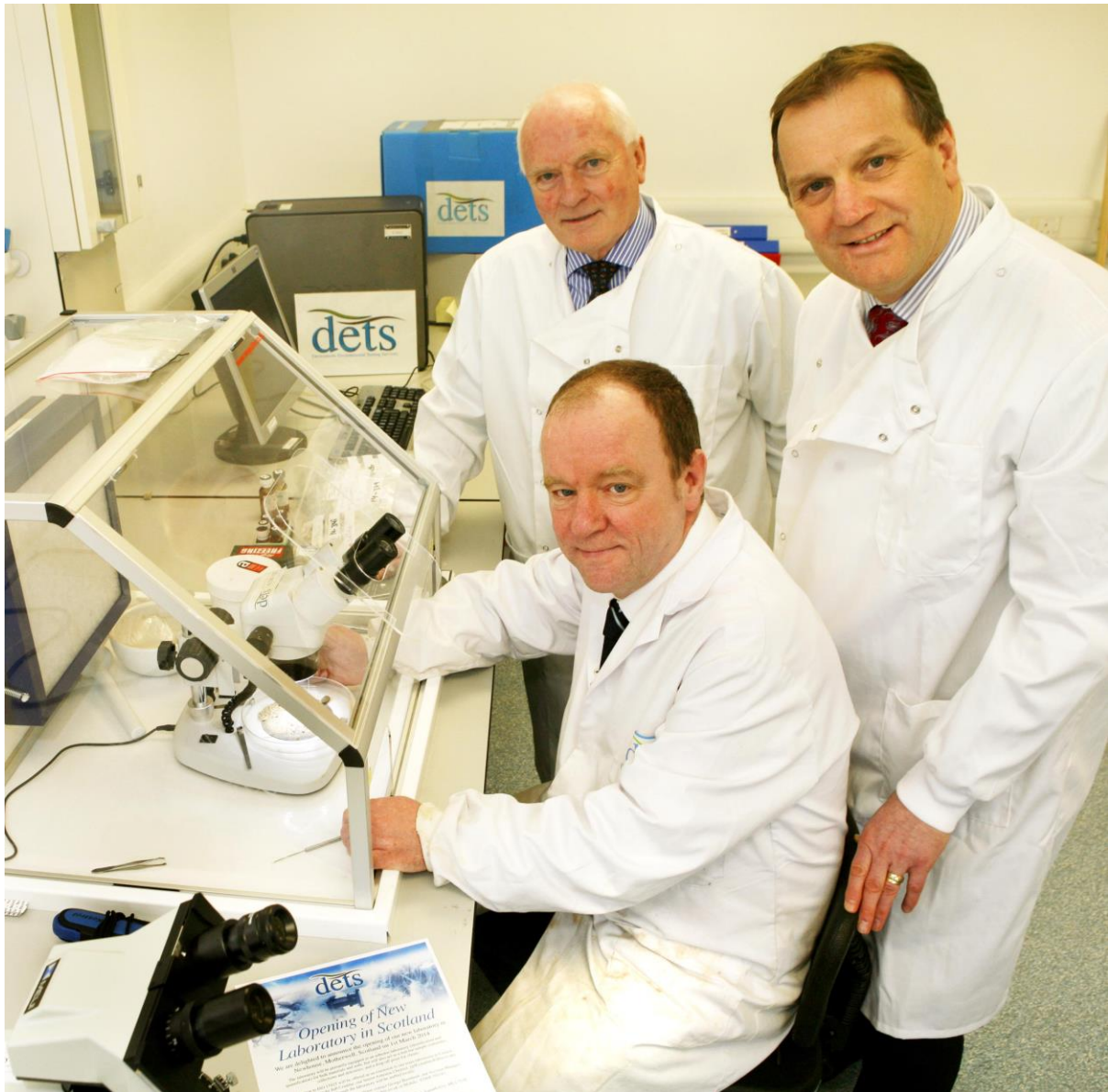
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Editors notes:

BioCity Scotland

BioCity Scotland opened in 2012 at Newhouse in the M8 Corridor in west Central Scotland. It is a bioscience facility with state of the art equipped laboratories for rent, previously owned and developed by Merck and Organon. The facility offers a range of services to tenants looking for an incubator in which to grow their life science business. Offices, laboratory space large and small, as well as a wide range of relevant business support services are available to ambitious life sciences firms in Scotland – from universities looking to spin out or commercialise innovation, to international firms needing a base in Europe. The firm has already attracted 21 tenant companies.