

## PRESS RELEASE

### Silliker Australia celebrates ten year anniversary

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Silliker Australia, formally Microtech Laboratories, celebrates ten years as part of the Silliker Group Organization.

On June 30<sup>th</sup> 2000, Silliker Australia officially became part of the Silliker Group Corporation with 54 laboratories in 15 countries world wide. Silliker began operations in Blackburn Victoria but over the years has expanded and opened facilities in Sydney and also Perth. All Silliker Australia facilities around Australia offer NATA-accredited microbiology and chemistry laboratory services seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The Silliker Group has grown from a single laboratory founded by Dr John H. Silliker in 1967 to a global presence throughout North, Latin and South America, Europe and Asia Pacific, with the most recent growth occurring in India. As a dedicated provider of research, consulting, sensory evaluation, clinical studies, testing, auditing and training services, Silliker assures product quality, safety and nutrition from development to delivery. Companies worldwide rely on Silliker's services to develop new products, identify operational problems, anticipate areas of concern, and institute practical controls associated with food safety and quality risks.

"Our heritage is further strengthened being part of the "Institut Merieux" who is committed to fighting infectious diseases and developing new approaches in the field of diagnostics, immunotherapy, food safety and nutrition. We have a heritage to certainty be proud of" says Managing Director of Silliker Australia Wayne Hammermeister.

#### About Silliker Australia

Silliker Australia is Australia's leading analytical laboratory and technical consultancy servicing the Food and Beverage, Therapeutic Goods and Medical Devices, Antimicrobial and Household Products, Cosmetic, Water and Environmental Industries. Founded in 1985 with offices and laboratories in Melbourne, Sydney, and Perth, Silliker Australia joined the Silliker World Network of Laboratories based in Chicago, USA as of June 30, 2000.

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