

Silliker, Inc. Acquires JR Laboratories, Western Canada's Leading Food Testing and Consulting Lab

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Homewood, IL, November 21, 2007 – Silliker, the world leader in the field of food safety and quality services, announced today that it has acquired 70% of the Canadian company JR Laboratories.

Founded in 1988 by Ray Cheung and Jimmy Chang, JR Laboratories is located in Burnaby, British Columbia. Registered to ISO 9001:2000, JR Laboratories is widely recognized as the leading food testing and technical consulting laboratory in Western Canada. From its state-of-the-art facility, JR Laboratories serves many of the country's major food, beverage, natural health, and pharmaceutical companies.

Under terms of the acquisition, Ray Cheung and Jimmy Chang will assume the roles of Division President and Division Vice President, respectively, in the renamed Silliker JR Laboratories, ULC.

"With the acquisition of JR Laboratories, we have not only taken a major step in solidifying our position as the preeminent food testing provider in Canada, but we have also reinforced our high-end chemistry capabilities in North America " said Philippe Sans, President and CEO of Silliker. "During negotiations with the JR Laboratories management team, it was evident that we shared common values and a strategic vision. This will foster a seamless integration and enable us to provide our clients with the highest levels of quality, customer service and technical support from day one."

The expertise and capabilities of Silliker JR Laboratories and Silliker Markham in Ontario, are complementary, and will ensure full testing services in Canada while also covering the Northwest United States region. Both labs are accredited to ISO 17025 by the Standards Council of Canada.

Founded in Chicago Heights, IL, Silliker, a privately owned company of the Mérieux-Alliance group, is celebrating 40 years of service to the food industry. To learn more about our expert services, please log on to **www.silliker.com**.

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With 43 locations in 13 countries, Silliker provides consulting, testing, auditing, research, and training services that help ensure food safety and nutrition worldwide. Silliker is recognized for its expertise in providing recommendations that help identify operational problems, anticipate areas of concern, and institute practical controls associated with food safety and quality risks.