

Silliker Invests in State-of-the-Art Laboratory in Crete, IL

September 26, 2011 – Chicago, IL: Silliker, Inc., the leading international network of accredited food testing and consulting laboratories, has begun construction on a new laboratory in Crete, IL. The organization's Chicago Heights and South Holland, IL, operations will be consolidated into the new building on an 11-acre site.

When completed mid next year at Steger Road and Illinois 394, the 71,000-square-foot facility will be one of the largest food testing laboratories in the United States. The company has also secured the future option to purchase additional adjacent plots of land from Crete Property Development LLC.

"The Crete laboratory will be our most sophisticated building and will serve as a blueprint for future Silliker developments both here and abroad," said Johannes Burlin, President of Silliker North America. "Our new state-of-the-art facility will enhance our ability to deliver practical and innovative solutions to companies throughout the food supply chain."

Located 30 miles south of downtown Chicago, Crete is one of the area's fastest growing industrial and commercial centers. The laboratory will house over 200 employees and meet industry codes and standards for accredited food testing operations. For more information on Silliker, log on to www.merieuxnutrisciences.com.

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