

## Mérieux NutriSciences Expands Bioagri Environmental Testing Services Offered in New Laboratory Located East of Brazil

**Lyon, France and Chicago, Illinois, USA – November 30, 2011** – Mérieux NutriSciences Corporation today announced the opening of a new Bioagri unit in the state of Espírito Santo, located east of Brazil, contributing to the development of this high potential state through innovative and compliant analytical services.

This new branch within Bioagri's largest division in environmental chemistry services will provide analytical services for water, soil, wastewater, solid waste and air emissions. The 800 m<sup>2</sup> facility, situated on 2 floors, will thus become the largest laboratory in the entire Espírito Santo state, and lend to the economic growth of the region.

*"We constantly invest to keep bringing our know-how and technologies to all of our divisions, providing quality and reliability for the specific requirements of our customers"* said Philippe Sans, the President and CEO of Mérieux NutriSciences.

*"With these investments in the east of Brazil, we have the ambition to offer the best structure and services of the Espírito Santo state and contribute to the region development by providing safety analysis services. Our investments will primary concern the development of state-of-the-art technologies and the training of our staff"* said Alvaro Vargas, the President of Bioagri.

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### **About Bioagri:**

With over 20 years of existence, Bioagri is the leading private analytical laboratory within its segment in Latin America. Bioagri, holding 35,000m<sup>2</sup> of built area, counts more than 1000 employees working in 16 units all over Brazil. Dedicated resources have also been put in place to develop Bioagri's European business and support European clients. Bioagri offers a wide range of technical and scientific capabilities such as: chemical and microbiological analyses of food raw material, environmental analyses, physico-chemical, toxicological and eco toxicological studies and approval of plant protection products.

Bioagri, part of Mérieux NutriSciences Corporation benefit from the group's international expertise and network.

### **About Mérieux NutriSciences Corporation :**

Part of Institut Mérieux, Mérieux NutriSciences Corporation helps advance science and solutions for food safety, quality and nutrition worldwide. Through its business units Silliker, Biofortis and Bioagri, it provides consulting, testing, auditing, education, sensory, innovation and contract research services.

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