

## New Environmental Testing Laboratory opens in North Lanarkshire

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Caledonian Laboratories Limited is pleased to announce the opening of its new laboratory facilities in Coatbridge, North Lanarkshire. The company, which was formed earlier this year with assistance from North Lanarkshire Business Gateway in Coatbridge, expects to employ around 12-15 people at the site. Employment opportunities will be predominantly high-value, technical jobs.

Specialising in environmental analysis, and in particular: contaminated land, water and waste analysis, Caledonian Laboratories hopes to build upon the 22 years of experience Managing Director, Mr. John McKenna has in the industry. The company will offer support services to industry and local government as new European Directives on environmental liability; contaminated land; soil and water quality; and waste classification are implemented over the coming year.

Mr. McKenna, a chartered Chemist, Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry and Member of the International Association of Analytical Chemists, said: "The implementation in April 2007 of the European Directive on environmental liability will have a significant effect upon businesses in the UK. Essentially, it means that the long held principle of "polluter pays" is to be enforced. The Directive aims to prevent significant environmental damage and to improve and remediate areas already identified as damaged. With cleanup costs potentially very expensive, companies need to be sure that they are indeed responsible for identified environmental damage. Defence to liability is permitted under certain circumstances, and operators should be aware that laboratory techniques could assist in cases where liability is contested. The use of laboratory techniques to identify pollution sources, and therefore the identity of polluter –known as environmental forensics – will be one of our fastest growing services."

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