Analab Ltd acquired by Scientific Laboratory Supplies in Irish growth plan

Northern Ireland-based laboratory supplier Analab Ltd has been acquired by Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS), the UK's largest independent provider of laboratory equipment, chemicals and consumables. From July 2016, Analab becomes part of the SLS UK Group and will be referred to as Analab, an SLS Company.

The agreement has already created new job opportunities, with further posts likely to be announced. Analab founding director Damien McCorry remains as Managing Director alongside Aileen McGrath, Director of Clinical Diagnostics.

They have been joined by newly-appointed Tom O'Meara as Marketing and Portfolio Director and Andy Pepper as Sales Director. The existing Analab team will increase immediately with the addition of two new sales posts, and the company will be looking to hire further experienced sales and marketing staff from within the Irish laboratory industry.

Speaking as the acquisition was announced, SLS Chairman Peter Chapman said: "SLS is already well-established in Ireland through distributors such as Analab in the North and our partners in the Republic. However, from today Damien and his senior managers will focus on the growing pharmaceutical and medical technology markets whilst continuing to build our already-strong clinical and diagnostics offering."

Damien McCorry, managing director of the new company added: "I cannot think of a better team for us to go forward with than the SLS folk. I have known the key staff for almost 25 years and have watched how they have competed successfully against the major competition to become a very significant player in the UK market. We expect to double Analab sales in the next 12 months."

On Monday 4th July, the merger between SLS and Dominique Dutscher (France) was announced, a move that has created the single largest independent laboratory supplies group in Europe.

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Caption: Andy Pepper, Aileen McGrath, Damien McCorry and Tom O'Meara