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## **Phytocontrol Group reveals its new innovative water eco-technology analysis laboratory project**

*Nîmes, 10.04.2018, Phytocontrol, the Nîmes laboratory specialising in water and food safety, with 250 employees, announces the creation of a new generation eco-technological water analysis laboratory, a pioneer in Occitania.*

### **An investment of more than 10M€ for regional benefits**

Following the recent extension of the Agrifood centre by 1000m<sup>2</sup> for nearly 2.5 M€, with the support of the Region, the State and Nîmes Métropole, the group

Phytocontrol launches this new project (2019-2021) which represents an investment of more than 10M€ and which makes it the most innovative laboratory in Occitania for the monitoring and analysis of quality of water sanitation, and one of the leaders in France.

With 60 recruitments in 2017 thanks in particular to a collaborative approach with the Nîmes employment centre, the laboratory, already accredited and approved, plans to hire between 20 and 30 people per year, over 5 years, to develop its hydrology department: technicians, logisticians, engineers, doctors... to meet regional and national monitoring plans. These dedicated hirings will be done notably via the creation of a higher training by apprenticeship oriented controls and analyses in Nîmes, in partnership with the Occitanie Region, the Rectorat, the Gard Chamber of Commerce, Nîmes Métropole and the laboratories of the major industries of the Gard. At the origin of this educational project, Phytocontrol invests massively in the training of its future employees.

Phytocontrol also develops its own Information System via a local Datacenter to ensure ultra-secure data control, under Health Data Hosters certification.

### **A structure at the service of a new generation of analyses of contaminants in water**

This new laboratory of 4000m<sup>2</sup> including 3000 of technical area will be exclusively dedicated to eco-technological analyses of water in the fields of health, environment and bottled water.

The aim is to reduce the harmful effects of current analytical processes that are obsolete, long, costly and have a high environmental impact (use of organic solvents, high carbon footprint, etc.) by developing and optimising revolutionary and eco-technological methods based on online automation and miniaturisation solutions, even enabling the evaluation of trace elements.

"Aware of the societal and economic challenges we face, this laboratory of the future responds to both of these wishes: always placing the recruitment of regional talent at the heart of our concerns and providing our customers with solutions at the cutting edge of innovation and eco-responsible," emphasizes Mikael Bresson, President and Founder of Phytocontrol Group.

### **About Phytocontrol Group**

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accredited on all test programs developed, GLP certified and approved by the Ministry of Health.

Currently, the group has 13 branches in France, Belgium, Spain, England and Italy; it employs 250 people and has a turnover of 16.5M€ supported by an annual growth of over 25%.

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