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# The Phytocontrol group invests 4 million euros in its core business, pesticide analysis

*Nîmes, 19.06.2018.* Phytocontrol, the Nîmes laboratory specialising in water and food safety, is launching a new generation of multi-residue pesticide analyses, its historic activity.

## Extension of multi-residue pesticide analyses to more than 600 molecules

The result of a long-standing collaboration with its technological partner Shimadzu, the laboratory has developed an innovative and ultra-modern analytical solution:

More exhaustive multi-residue list allowing the search for more than 600 pesticides More reliable and sensitive results

Better reactivity

After 2 years of R&D, Phytocontrol is launching this major evolution to accompany all French and European food chains in their self-checking procedures.

## A massive investment of more than 4 million euros in 2018

Phytocontrol has invested more than 2 million euros in this state-of-the-art technology to renew its entire analytical fleet (LC-MS/MS). The strong growth of the company, over 30%, and the recent dedicated technological hall, required the extension of the central laboratory which now reaches 4000m<sup>2</sup>. This expansion, delivered in spring, houses the analytical production and all R&D departments. The Phytocontrol Group will have invested nearly 2 million euros in the latter building, representing a total investment of 4 million euros this year.

"With these new pesticide residue analyses, we are strengthening our historical expertise and our core business on which we have built our excellence; we are also consolidating our leadership on the European scene thanks to this policy of permanent innovation", comments Eric Capodanno, Scientific Director of Phytocontrol.

### About Phytocontrol Group

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Phytocontrol, a private and independent French laboratory group, created in 2006 in Nîmes, is an expert in the analysis of contaminants in water and food. Its activities are divided into 3 departments: AgriFood (agri-food analyses), Hydro (water safety) and Biopharma (Good Laboratory Practice studies). The laboratory, which covers 4000 m² and houses a state-of-the-art ISO 14001 technical platform, is

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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