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## **Celebrating 25 years in the Analytical Services Sector**

In 2016, by a unique coincidence, the UK's leading independent land-based analytical testing businesses of NRM Laboratories, Sciantec Analytical and Sci-Tech Laboratories, now under the Cawood Scientific Ltd Group, celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In 1991 all of the businesses set out with a vision to develop laboratory testing services for their specific industry and over the course of the last 25 years each company has made that vision a reality and today is a recognised 'market leader' in its field of speciality.

"Now brought together into the Cawood Scientific Group, NRM, Sciantec and Sci-Tech are still driven by the focus on quality and individual attention to customer service that was the foundation of all the businesses from the start. This has enabled us to further develop and expand the services that we provide," said Linda Radnor, Operations Director (and one of the original six staff at NRM in 1991).

For a quarter of a century all of the companies have been providing independent analytical testing support to customers throughout the UK's land-based industries. Initially each site only employed a few staff, and over the last 25 years the Cawood Group has grown considerably and today employs almost 200 people, with many of the 'original' staff still working in their respective laboratory with this experience proving invaluable to the company.

Although all the laboratories started in 1991 with a handful of loyal customers, the Cawood Group now boasts over 4,000 clients on its books, the majority of whom have been long-standing customers and some of whom have been with us since those humble beginnings. Over the last 25 years these loyal customers have helped the Cawood Group reach its position today of having processed and analysed over 15 million samples which equates to over 87 million analytical tests having been carried out!!

The industries to which the Cawood Group provide analytical services have changed significantly during the last 25 years and we are required to operate in a fast-moving and transforming market to accommodate the continuous improvements in knowledge and technology. This is reflected in the way the group has developed through the launch of new services, the use of state-of-the-art technology and the investment in staff.

Lord Curry, (Chairman of Cawood Scientific) said "The UK Agricultural industry needs to move faster in the direction of utilising all information available to them and embrace the huge benefit of analytical data. We need to advance the concept of precision farming even further and need to be even more precise and more intelligent in the way we approach all of our farming enterprises. To this end my Chairmanship of Cawood Scientific and my links to Agriculture allow me to facilitate new partnerships and raise awareness of the value of the analytical data that Cawood Scientific can provide to its customers. I am delighted that after 25 years the laboratories within the Cawood Group are still developing services in line with customers' expectations and are continuing to work on new



innovative and unique services. Improving productivity is a national challenge and the data the Cawood Group can provide is critical to improving agricultural productivity”.

Today, the Groups focus remains the same as it did all those years ago; to continue to provide a ‘complete agricultural analytical solution’ of high level testing that customers can trust and rely on. With the business going from strength to strength, we hope to continue on this path for many years to come.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us and been a part of our success and we look forward to another 25 years.