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IAPMO Group Acquires Aquadiagnostics Laboratory

Bengaluru, India (June 25, 2018) — The IAPMO Group is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Aquadiagnostics Water Research and Technology Center Limited, an independently accredited testing laboratory in Bengaluru, India, previously owned and operated by Eureka Forbes Limited, a leading provider of water purification products and allied services to residential and industrial sectors across Asia and Europe. Aquadiagnostics will become part of The IAPMO Group, specifically with IAPMO India.

The addition of Aquadiagnostics gives IAPMO India the ability to immediately provide services to key clients that manufacture water filtration products and produce packaged drinking water, while also verifying potable water supply within India. The new laboratory joins The IAPMO Group's other internationally accredited labs — Ontario, California; Guangzhou, China; Jakarta, Indonesia; and Melbourne, Australia.

"The acquisition includes 12-15 staff members, who will become IAPMO employees, including the lab's director, Dr S. Muralidhara Rao, Ph.D.," said GP Russ Chaney, CEO of The IAPMO Group. "Dr Rao will join numerous other qualified staff enhancing IAPMO India's services to the plumbing, water treatment, and water supply sectors in India."

As a result, IAPMO India also plans to immediately expand Aquadiagnostics' testing capabilities to include plumbing products testing not unlike that which The IAPMO Group performs at its other laboratories in key markets worldwide.

"After a decade of pioneering efforts by Eureka Forbes to create and build Aquadiagnostics into a globally recognized, independent laboratory serving the water industry, we are delighted to see it become part of a leading, global industry organization like IAPMO," said Marzin R. Shroff, MD, CEO of Eureka Forbes Limited. "We are sure the laboratory will build on its success to serve many industries worldwide under IAPMO's able stewardship."

Further, the acquisition enables The IAPMO Group and IAPMO India to now offer such one-stop-shop services as model code and standard development, personnel credentialing, education, water filtration and plumbing product testing, and product certification all integrated in a manner maximizing product compliance, acceptance, and public confidence with a premier independent third-party provider.

"With the continued global growth of IAPMO R&T's product certification program, customers located in India are excited to have a new option to have their products tested locally," said Tom Palkon, Executive Vice President IAPMO R&T – Water Systems.

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