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To existing and potential AmC customers

### **Caspian Environmental Laboratory celebrates 10 years anniversary**

Caspian Environmental Laboratory (CEL) was set up in Baku, Azerbaijan in 1998. The present owner, the Norwegian registered company Akvamiljø Caspian (AmC), took over the laboratory in 2002. The objective of the laboratory is to provide high quality environmental laboratory and consultancy services to clients in the Caspian region. The main market is presently oil and gas industry in Azerbaijan, but projects are also carried out for other countries in the region. The laboratory is staffed by Azeri scientists within chemistry and biology, and two expatriate scientists. The number of full time employees in AmC is currently 26.

The Caspian Environmental Laboratory is equipped with a comprehensive range of modern analytical equipment, with first-class chemistry, biology and ecotoxicology laboratories. The laboratory is accredited according to the internationally recognized ISO 17025:2005 standard, which is a laboratory specific ISO standard.

#### Services provided by AmC include:

- Environmental surveys in off-shore, near shore and terrestrial environments
- Chemical analysis of water, soil, sediment and sludge
  - Oil components (incl. oil fingerprinting)
  - Chlor-organic components
  - Heavy metals
  - Nutrients
  - Geotechnical soil characterizations
  - Water quality
- Drinking water testing – to WHO standards
- Benthic fauna identification and community analysis
- Toxicity testing of chemicals and drilling mud using Caspian species (OSPAR)
- Ambient and occupational health related air monitoring
- Bacteriological analyses of water and sludge
- Biological monitoring techniques (biomarkers)
- Ecological studies

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The parent companies, the International Research Institute of Stavanger, Norway and the international laboratory group Eurofins give AmC access to a wide range of analytical services as well as expertise within the field of environmental monitoring and environmental research.

Some of their key areas of expertise are:

- Contaminated land and groundwater
- Air monitoring expertise
- Environmental Risk Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment
- Ecotoxicology, biomarkers for monitoring

If you have any requests or questions related to environmental monitoring and AmC's laboratory services, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact details are found in the footer of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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