



Announcement

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Effective 31 of March 2006, **Biolab (Aust) Pty Ltd** acquired **Davidson Measurement Pty Ltd** in Australia.

Biolab is Australasia's largest and leading provider of scientific instruments and consumables to the scientific and medical markets.

Davidson Measurement sells, services and calibrates instruments and equipment for the measurement, analysis, acquisition and interaction of data over a wide range of disciplines. These include acceleration, displacement, force, pressure, sound, strain, torque and vibration.

The Davidson Measurement business represents some of the world's best known and most respected names in the manufacture of instrumentation, computer driven equipment and software including, but not limited to, GE Sensing, Crossbow, MTS Sensors, LDS Dactron and LMS International.

Both organisations have a long history in the Australian market and we see this as an important event which signals Biolab's commitment to invest in its Industrial Technologies portfolio. The portfolio aims to be a niche provider of specialized calibration services including destructive and non-destructive testing, sensing and measurement technologies for immediate data acquisition for both the laboratory and process manufacturing sectors.

The Davidson Measurement head office is located in Braeside, Melbourne with branches in NSW, QLD and WA. The facilities in Melbourne & Perth are NATA accredited (National Association of Testing Authorities (Australia), the government endorsed organization for the accreditation of laboratories and testing facilities). The business has 26 employees, 12 in sales, 4 in calibration and service and 10 in support functions.

The Biolab Industrial Technologies and Davidson Measurement staff will form one team and Kevin Davidson, former owner and managing director of Davidson Measurement, will continue to manage the group and Kevin will report to Tony Acciarito, Australasian Manager of Analytical & Industrial Technologies at Biolab.

<http://www.davidson.com.au/>

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