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TRIMEGA LABORATORIES LIMITED  
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## **NURSING & MIDWIFERY COUNCIL HAIR TEST CONTRACT FOR TRIMEGA**

The Board of Trimega Laboratories, an international supplier of substance misuse testing products, has been awarded a contract to provide hair testing services to the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC).

The NMC would use such testing in a misconduct case where drug or alcohol dependency is thought to be an issue. There would be a Registered Medical Practitioner on any panel that ordered these tests.

Trimega has developed a method of testing hair samples, collected on-site or at a London walk-in clinic, that provides an accurate historical record of any alcohol or drugs dependency over a three to twelve month period. Since hair growth is fed by the bloodstream, the ingestion of drugs or excess alcohol in the blood is revealed by analysing chemical markers absorbed by the hair.

Although relatively new, hair testing is fast-becoming the preferred method of determining someone's alcohol and drug history because other tests depended on (such as liver function tests) only relate to very recent consumption. It is already being used in the UK by other professions such as commercial aviation and for legal disputes, usually requested by social services, solicitors or ordered by the Courts directly. Trimega is also in the process of providing roadside drug testing kits for police forces.

Avi Lasarow, Managing Director of Trimega Laboratories, commented:  
"This clearly demonstrates that safety-conscious sectors are adopting this method of testing to remove any uncertainty over questions arising from drink and drugs consumption. We look forward to working with the NMC and providing a service that helps to exemplify it as a responsible and efficient regulatory body."

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The Directors of the Issuer accept responsibility for this announcement.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Trimega Laboratories, established in 2005 has rapidly become a leading provider of Substance Misuse Testing and is focused on the development and marketing of innovative substance misuse testing products and services. It provides reliable and confidential Hair Drug and Alcohol Testing products for Solicitors, Courts and Local Authorities. The company recently acquired a significant position in DC Drogencheck GmbH that focus on drug and alcohol testing for German consulates abroad and drivers' licence agencies.

Trimega Laboratories has been certified to ISO 9001 for the provision of clinical testing services for substances of abuse by LRQA who are a UKAS accredited body.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY VISIT [WWW.TRIMEGALABS.COM](http://WWW.TRIMEGALABS.COM)

The Nursing & Midwifery Council is a body set up by Parliament to regulate the UK's 682,000 nurses and midwives. Its primary aim is to protect the public and does this by keeping a register of those eligible to work in the UK and setting standards for their education, training and conduct. For more information visit [www.nmc-uk.org](http://www.nmc-uk.org)