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TRIMEGA LABORATORIES LIMITED
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TRIMEGA LABORATORIES IS REAPPOINTED BY NMC

The Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) has renewed its contract with Trimega Laboratories, an international supplier of substance misuse testing products, to provide drug and alcohol misuse testing services. The NMC, a body set up by Parliament to regulate the UK's 660,000 nurses and midwives, uses such testing in cases where drug or alcohol dependency is thought to be affecting impairment of fitness to practice. There would be a Registered Medical Practitioner on any panel that ordered these tests.

Trimega Laboratories 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 where tests are requested by social services, solicitors or ordered by the Courts directly. Trimega also provides roadside drug testing kits for police forces around the world.

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About The Nursing & Midwifery Council

The Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) exists to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the public and does this by registering all nurses and midwives and ensures that they are properly qualified and competent to work in the UK. The NMC set the standards of education, training and conduct that nurses and midwives need to deliver high quality healthcare consistently throughout their careers. They ensure that nurses and midwives keep their skills and knowledge up to date and uphold the standards of their professional Code. The NMC has fair processes to investigate allegations made against nurses and midwives who may not have followed the Code. For more information visit www.nmc-uk.org

About Trimega Laboratories

Established in London in 2005, Trimega Laboratories (www.trimegalabs.com) has developed a range of innovative techniques for testing substances of abuse. Its core business is laboratory-based analysis of hair samples that provides accurate historical records of

any alcohol or drugs dependency over a one to 12 month period. This method is certified to ISO 9001:2000 by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance, a UKAS-accredited certification body, and is used in the UK by Family Law specialists, social services, regulatory bodies, professions such as aviation, as well as being ordered by the Courts directly. Other services offered by Trimega Laboratories include: Roadside Drugalyzer Testing for law enforcement, Hair Steroid Testing for athletes, and most recently, Hair Benzodiazepines Testing. In 2008, Trimega Laboratories won the title of Best Use of Technology in the Barclays-sponsored Startups Awards, was a regional winner in the HSBC Start-up Stars and a finalist in the National Business Awards. Trimega Laboratories was also shortlisted as a finalist in the 2009 Fast Growth Business Awards.

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