

Positive result for drugs-testing firm



Clinching the deal: (l to r) Trimega managing director Avi Lasarow, Consul-General Richard Wood and Ashley Uys from Real World Diagnostics

A LONDON company has launched a roadside drugs-testing system in South Africa that is bringing in startling results. One-third of Cape Town drivers stopped by the police have tested positive for drugs.

Trimega has been working with local partner Real World Diagnostics and the South African Police Service, drawing on experience gained in the UK and Germany to recommend specific rapid drugs-testing products. The move was prompted when managing director Avi Lasarow attended a seminar led by Paul

Boateng, the British High Commissioner to South Africa.

Trimega's success in Germany came after it has worked with the University of Berlin to develop the first alcohol test using samples of human hair, which is also being adopted within the UK and US judicial systems.

Since signing up for UK Trade & Investment's Passport to Export programme, the company has more than doubled its turnover and forecasts it will reach £2 million next year.

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