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Cerba HealthCare continues its international expansion

Cerba HealthCare, a leading player in the field of clinical pathology in Europe, is establishing itself in Africa to develop Cerba Lancet Africa, a network of labs in partnership with Lancet Laboratories, South Africa's leader in clinical pathology.

Cerba HealthCare has long been present in Africa and has developed two main programmes. For over 30 years it has worked with medical communities in numerous African countries, providing daily specialised clinical pathology and pathological anatomy and cytology services. Cerba has mastered the logistics of pathological sampling and has effective digital tools at its disposal, enabling it to conduct more than 600,000 pathology tests each year for healthcare professionals in more than 15 African countries, delivering the majority of results within 48 hours.

Cerba HealthCare has also been working with Lancet Laboratories for over 20 years, running clinical trials in Africa through a company called Barc RSA, which is based in Johannesburg.

Building on its past experience and this partnership of experts, convinced of the needs and potential to expand clinical pathology in Africa and its capacity to deploy a quality service to the medical community, Cerba HealthCare has decided to invest substantially to build a local network of clinical pathology laboratories on the African continent.

Cerba HealthCare is announcing a joint-venture with its long-standing partner, Lancet Laboratories, in 11 African countries outside South Africa.

With its network of more than 100 ISO-accredited laboratories and over 1,400 employees serving more than 1.3 million patients a year, and generating over €40 million in turnover in 2018, Cerba Lancet Africa is now the leading force in local clinical pathology in Africa.

The complementarity of our medical expertise, sound knowledge of the medical communities in the different countries and deployment of large industrial facilities, both partners aspire to become leading players in Africa.

“We are very excited about working closely with Lancet and its teams. Our common goal is to develop medical services in regions where we are already present and to expand into other countries. Alongside our partner Lancet Laboratories, we are also planning an ambitious investment programme to offer

innovative services in clinical pathology that meet the needs of patients, health professionals and healthcare organisations, alongside businesses across the continent”, states Jérôme Thill, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Cerba HealthCare.

Peter Cole, CEO of Lancet Laboratories comments: “The broad expertise of both our groups, Cerba HealthCare, a leader in clinical pathology in Europe, and Lancet, a leader in clinical pathology in South Africa, coupled with our respective knowledge of the African continent across very different and complementary territories, will be real strengths for our joint venture. We are delighted to partner with Cerba HealthCare and are looking forward to expanding our efforts together and working to improve the health of African citizens”.

About Cerba Healthcare

A European leader, the group is present in all segments of the clinical pathology market: routine clinical pathology, mainly in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy, through a network of over 500 laboratories and 50 technical facilities; specialised clinical pathology through the group’s original laboratory serving more than 50 countries in Europe, Africa and the Middle East; central lab testing for clinical trials, an essential service for the development of new molecules in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries, through its subsidiaries located across the 5 continents; and lastly, central lab testing for diagnostic trials, enabling the in vitro diagnostics industry to analytically validate new medical devices before they are put on the market. For the past two years, Cerba HealthCare has diversified into the veterinary pathology and genetics market with Cerba Vet, a company established for this purpose. Cerba HealthCare has over 6,300 employees, including 550 medical pathologists.

<http://www.cerbahealthcare.com>

About Lancet

Lancet Laboratories is one of the leading clinical pathology laboratories in Africa. It operates in the private healthcare sector and provides specialised clinical pathology services for businesses, insurance companies and industries in the following countries: South Africa, Botswana, DRC, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

It offers a wide range of clinical pathology analyses, coupled with an established logistics network and numerous services for its customers.

Present in Africa for more than 70 years, Lancet Laboratories is constantly developing its human and technological potential to best meet the needs of healthcare professionals and patients.

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