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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Trescal strengthens its position in Germany with the acquisition MWQ GmbH.**

January 14th, 2009 - Trescal continues its international development and announces the acquisition of MWQ GmbH based in Germany.

MWQ GmbH consists of 9 laboratories specialized in mechanical and physical calibration mainly located in the East and in the North parts of Germany. Its turnover is approx. of 4 million Euros and the company employs 62 people.

*«This acquisition gives us a leading position on the German market and supports our offer as a "one-stop-shop" for all services around the calibration of measuring equipment. Indeed, Trescal can henceforth offer its unique range of calibration services with an up-market skill level through branches everywhere in Germany », Timo Grünewälder, CEO Trescal GmbH.*

Besides, *"with the laboratory of MWQ located in Teplice (Czech Republic) we continue our strategic scheme to offer our key customers an identical level of technical skills and services wherever they are located in Europe. "* Olivier Delrieu, President of Trescal Group.

*"In less than a year since we acquired the company, five acquisitions were made consolidating Trescal as the European leader of calibration services. Astorg and the Management of Trescal united their strengths efficiently to reach this objective. "* Xavier Moreno, President of Astorg.

With this last acquisition, the European network of **Trescal reaches over 40 calibration laboratories offering a truly unique range of calibration services.**

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### **About Trescal ([www.trescal.com](http://www.trescal.com))**

**Trescal, European leader in calibration provides a broad range of services for the *test and measuring equipment market.*** Trescal is represented in 11 European countries: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Rumania. Supplementing the standard technical services (verification, calibration and repair of T&M instruments), Trescal offers its expertise for the implementation and acquisition of measurement systems, customised equipment pool management software solutions, metrology and technical support, and training. Trescal operates in over 40 calibration laboratories and employs over 850 people across Europe. Trescal services 20,000 customers in various sectors such as Defence, Aerospace, Aeronautics, Automotive, Power Generation & Utilities, Electronics Manufacturing, Communications and Medical & Chemistry. Trescal's sales (pro forma) amount to 80 million Euros in 2008.

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