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## Hortec (Pty) Ltd joins the Mérieux NutriSciences group

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Hortec is excited to announce that we have joined the Mérieux NutriSciences group through their acquisition of 100% shareholding in Hortec.

Mérieux NutriSciences has an international network of more than 100 laboratories across 27 countries with expertise in microbiology, consulting, chemistry, education, certification, research, labelling, and sensory.

Our customers will benefit from the complimentary services, providing a true one-stop solution for their quality control and food safety needs as well as regulatory requirements. The merger brings an exciting suite of products to our existing and new customers, thereby completing Hortec's Fruit Quality Management mission. The services include **residue testing** on fruit and food commodities, access to insightful information and reporting, **fruit maturity indexing, weather stations** and the accompanying software (**iLeaf**). These services are now complemented with tests for **water quality (microbiology & chemistry), swabs** (surface) and **heavy metal analysis**.

The management team, personnel and Hortec brand name will remain in place and continue to provide our customers with the service they have become accustomed to over the years. Peter de Vries will however be retiring from the company from his position as co-shareholder and director effective 31 March 2022.

Hortec will continue to build relationships with our customers through innovative products and excellent service, thereby offering complete Fruit Quality Management solutions.