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## PRESS RELEASE

**Trescal announce the acquisition of the calibration assets of Dowding & Mills, reinforcing their position in the UK market.**

**April 13th, 2010 - Trescal have reinforced its leadership in the UK with a unique geographical coverage**

Two years after entering the UK calibration market, initially through the acquisition of Livingston's calibration laboratory shortly followed by that of the calibration assets of QinetiQ, Trescal complement their network with the acquisition of Dowding & Mills calibration business.

With the integration of the 5 Dowding & Mills laboratories (4 in England and 1 in Scotland) accounting for 8 M€ sales and employing 140 people, Trescal in the UK now comprise a total of 8 sites, 17 customers' antennas and employ approximately 350 people reaching a global turnover of 23 M€.

The specific competencies in dimensional and electrical brought by this acquisition enrich Trescal's already large scope of technical skills and related accreditations. This acquisition will enable the group to provide a unique technical and geographical calibration services solution to UK and European customers in particular in the Aerospace and Defence industries.

This transaction is the eighth acquisition since the Astorg buy-out in November 2007.

*"This acquisition gives us an undeniable leading position in the UK market and strengthens our offer as a "one-stop-shop" for calibration and measuring services for test and measurement equipment. Indeed, Trescal can now cover the needs of their customers with an efficient, effective and flexible local service throughout the UK." Steve Brown, North-West Europe Region Manager*

*"Trescal carry out a European development strategy to better service their customers and simultaneously strengthen their expertise and market leadership. Astorg that have supported this strategy from day one are pleased it has been so well and quickly implemented by Trescal's team in particularly in the UK through this new acquisition" Xavier Moreno, President of Astorg Partners.*

With this new acquisition, **Trescal offer a truly unique range of calibration services through an unequalled worldwide network that reaches over 50 calibration laboratories.**

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

**Trescal**, European leader in calibration provide a broad range of services for the **test and measuring equipment market**. Trescal are 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 offer their expertise for the implementation and acquisition of measurement systems, customised equipment pool management software solutions, metrology and technical support, and training.

Trescal operate in over 50 calibration laboratories and employ over 1200 people across Europe. Trescal service 20,000 customers in various sectors such as Defence, Aerospace, Aeronautics, Automotive, Power Generation & Utilities, Electronics Manufacturing, Communications and Medical & Chemistry. Including Dowding & Mills acquisition, Trescal's pro forma sales for 2009 will amount to 107 million Euros.

**About Astorg Partners ([www.astorg-partners.com](http://www.astorg-partners.com))**

*Astorg Partners is an independent private equity firm, specializing in French mid-market buyouts. It manages over €1 billion of capital. Astorg Partners seeks to partner with successful and entrepreneurial management teams, to acquire businesses with attractive growth prospects and a global reach, which Astorg will support through the provision of experienced governance and adequate capital. Astorg enjoys a distinct entrepreneurial culture, a lean and local decision making body enhancing its reactivity, and a true commitment to its partnering management teams.*

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