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Leading national law firm Mills Oakley has advised a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eurofins Scientific SE on its acquisition of Australian Precision Ag Laboratory (APAL). The acquisition marks Eurofins' entry into the Australian farming and agriculture testing market.

Eurofins is the world leader in food, environment, pharmaceutical and cosmetic products testing and in agrosience contract research services. It is also one of the global independent market leaders in testing and laboratory services for genomics, discovery pharmacology, forensics, advanced material sciences and for supporting clinical studies.

With 55,000 staff across a decentralised and entrepreneurial network of 900 laboratories in over 50 countries, Eurofins offers a portfolio of over 200,000 analytical methods to evaluate the safety, identity, composition, authenticity, origin, traceability and purity of a wide range of products, as well as providing innovative clinical diagnostic testing services and in-vitro diagnostic products.

APAL is Australia's leading provider of independent farming and agriculture testing services. The partnership with Eurofins will allow APAL to continue to offer and further expand its highly reputable independent analytical services across the farming and agriculture markets.

The Mills Oakley team was led by Corporate Advisory Partner, Brendan Sheehan, who was assisted by Lawyer, Dania Ammouche.

Tony Symons (Corporate Advisory Partner and Eurofins' client relationship partner) and Brendan Sheehan have advised Eurofins on several acquisitions in Australia over a number of years, including Eurofins' acquisition of the ARL Group in 2020 from Banksia Capital and its acquisition of Chemical Analysis from iX Biopharma Ltd (SGX:42C) in 2019.

Brendan Sheehan congratulated Eurofins on the acquisition, noting:

"This is an important strategic acquisition by Eurofins. Eurofins APAL, as it is now known, will benefit from access and support from synergies with the Eurofins agro testing laboratories and Eurofins' unrivalled global network of scientists committed to continuous innovation. While our team has advised Eurofins on a number of transactions over the years, this is the first acquisition we have completed for Eurofins at Mills Oakley since joining in December. We hope it is the first of many."

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