

## Press release

DEKRA expands network of laboratories with k-labor in Bretten/Germany

### Plastics Expertise for DEKRA Laboratories

- Services offered include plastics and metal testing, environmental simulation, and mechanical testing
- Full range of testing available for internal and external vehicle parts
- Focus on the supplier industry and medical technology sector

**The expert organization DEKRA is taking over specialist laboratory k-labor GmbH in Bretten, near Karlsruhe. In doing so, DEKRA is expanding its network of laboratories for chemical analytics and material testing, adding new expertise in the testing of plastics as well as enhanced possibilities for environmental simulation testing. The new addition enables DEKRA to round off its testing portfolio, in particular for manufacturers of vehicle parts and the medical technology sector.**

k-labor in Bretten is an accredited laboratory for material testing and failure analytics. The company is a specialist in environmental simulation testing and mechanical testing, and has particular strengths in material testing for plastics, elastomers, and metals. Its clients include renowned manufacturers from the automotive, mechanical engineering, and medical technology industries. The laboratory can conduct its tests according to national and international standards as well as manufacturer specifications.

k-labor GmbH's portfolio complements the expertise of DEKRA's network of laboratories under the umbrella of DEKRA Automobil GmbH. This network includes the laboratories for environmental and product analytics in Stuttgart and Halle, and the laboratory for materials engineering and failure analysis in Saarbrücken. To meet the needs of the automotive industry, DEKRA's network of testing laboratories is now able to offer a comprehensive range of services for testing internal vehicle parts, covering their chemical safety and material properties as well as the environmental influences to which they are exposed.

“We strengthen and expand our network of testing laboratories on an ongoing basis so that we can accurately meet the demand for laboratory services as a full-service provider,” says Guido Kutschera, Executive Vice President of DEKRA Germany. “With k-labor, our network will grow with a high-tech laboratory site boasting highly qualified staff, specialist expertise, and valuable contacts with the research sector and key DEKRA customer groups.”

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### **About DEKRA**

*DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for almost 100 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world's leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group's operating business. In 2020, DEKRA generated turnover totaling almost EUR 3.2 billion. The company currently employs around 44,000 people in approximately 60 countries on all continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temporary work. The vision for the company's 100th birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe, secure and sustainable world. With a platinum rating from EcoVadis, DEKRA is now in the top one percent of sustainable businesses ranked.*