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**SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF PRAIRIE ANALYTICAL SYSTEMS BY PDC LABORATORIES**

Coulter Companies, Inc. of Peoria, Illinois, has acquired, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, PDC Laboratories, Inc. (PDC Labs), the assets of Prairie Analytical Systems (Prairie Analytical), effective February 1, 2018.

Prairie Analytical, which operates environmental testing facilities located at 1210 Capital Airport Drive in Springfield, Illinois, and 9114 Virginia Road in Lake in the Hills, Illinois, respectively, has served the central and northern Illinois market since 1993, specializing in drinking water, waste water, groundwater and soil testing for private, public and industrial facilities, as well as environmental consulting firms. All of the current employees have received offers to stay on with PDC Labs in their current roles. PDC Labs will utilize the current staff and operate out of the same locations going forward. Jean-Pierre Rouanet will continue to serve as the Executive Director for the Springfield Facility, and Kristen Potter will serve as the Director of Sales & Marketing for PDC Labs' Illinois facilities.

Royal J. Coulter, President of Coulter Companies, Inc., issued the following statement: "We are pleased with the opportunity to acquire the capabilities and skills so highly regarded in the markets Prairie Analytical serves. In particular, we are excited about this merger with Prairie Analytical as it will open up new doors for PDC Labs to serve the environmental consulting sector. I want to thank Bud and Kristen Potter, the owners of Prairie Analytical, for the opportunity to build upon the reputation that they have established in providing reliable and dependable environmental testing services to the Illinois market."

Kristen Potter, President of Prairie Analytical, stated the following: "My father and I are proud of the reputation for quality and dependable service that Prairie Analytical Systems has achieved through the years. We believe the association with PDC Laboratories is a good fit for our employees and clients."

Coulter Companies, Inc. is the largest family-owned environmental services company based in the State of Illinois, and has been in business since 1928. Its corporate headquarters is located in Peoria, Illinois, and it employs over 600 people. In addition to environmental testing facilities, the company owns and operates waste collection, recycling, treatment and disposal facilities across the state. PDC Labs has been a subsidiary of the company since 1981. With the acquisition of Prairie Analytical, PDC Laboratories will now employ more than 130 scientists, technicians and support staff working from testing facilities located in Peoria, Springfield, McHenry, and Lake in the Hills, Illinois, as well as St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri. Based on 2016's revenues, PDC Labs is ranked by *The Steve Maxwell Environmental Laboratory Washington Report* as one of the Top 20 largest environmental testing networks in the United States.

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