

## **Science Group announces significant investment in US Operations**

**9 January 2017:** Science Group plc (AIM:SAG), announces a number of strategic developments as part of a significant programme of investment in its US operations in 2017.

The highlights are:

- Opening of additional US office in San Francisco Bay Area to complement existing Houston and Boston offices;
- Appointment of Dan Edwards, currently Group Commercial Director, as President of the Group's North American operations;
- Promotion of Chris Covey to head up the Group's Boston office as Vice President, East Coast. Chris Covey will continue to head up the Industrial Sector of the Sagentia Division of Science Group, relocating this strategic role closer to its customer base;
- Appointment of Henry St Aubyn to head up the Houston office whilst continuing in his role as North America Principal Consultant in the Oil & Gas sector;
- Appointment of Mark Tuckwell and David Pettigrew, Vice Presidents, to launch the Group's new Californian operation. Both Mark and David are long-standing, highly regarded senior managers within the Sagentia Division of Science Group, reflecting the importance of the new West Coast operations;
- Anticipated increase in USA headcount by over 50% during the first half of 2017.

"With the US market currently accounting for almost half of Science Group revenues, these significant investments underline the commitment to our US clients," comments Dan Edwards, President of North America and Group Commercial Director. "The establishment of a new office in San Mateo increases proximity to existing clients and facilitates the development of new relationships in this key market where Science Group has seen significant growth over the past year. The San Francisco Bay Area is a major life science and high tech hub operating at the leading edge of science and innovation, exactly where Science Group can add most value to its technology clients."

The Group's strong commitment to the career development of its international employee base is reflected by many of these senior appointments being from within the Group. This strong core team will leverage the dynamic science and technology ecosystem of the San Francisco Bay Area and its associated talent-pool to make new appointments over the course of 2017.

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## About Leatherhead Food Research

Founded in 1919, Leatherhead Food Research has been a trusted partner to the food industry for nearly a century, offering an unparalleled breadth and depth of experience to help food and beverage companies, large and small, innovate and succeed. Covering the full product lifecycle, services range from offerings such as consumer insight, sensory testing and ground-breaking ingredient and product innovation to expert advisory work around food safety and global industry regulations. Leatherhead also operates an internationally recognised membership programme which represents a who's who of the food and drinks industry. Alongside Member support and project work, Leatherhead's industry professionals deliver cutting-edge research in areas that stimulate long term commercial benefit and growth for the food and drink industry.

Leatherhead Food Research is the trading name of Leatherhead Research Limited, a Science Group (AIM:SAG) company. Science Group provides independent advisory and leading-edge product development services focused on the Group's in-depth science and technology capability. It has six offices globally, two dedicated, UK-based R&D innovation centres and more than 350 employees. Other Science Group companies include Oakland Innovation, Sagentia and OTM Consulting.

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## About Science Group plc

Science Group plc (AIM:SAG) is listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange. The Group provides independent technology advisory and advanced product development services focused on science and innovation in key markets including medical, consumer, industrial, oil & gas and food & beverage and support all aspects of the product and technology innovation lifecycle.

Science Group has four specialist companies : Sagentia, Oakland Innovation, OTM Consulting and Leatherhead Food Research. These businesses collaborate closely with leading industry clients in key vertical markets to deliver tangible returns on technology and R&D investments. With more than 350 staff worldwide, primarily scientists and engineers, Science Group plc has R&D centres in Cambridge and Epsom with additional offices in London, Boston, Houston, San Mateo and Dubai.

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