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## **Sharjah gets world-class veterinary laboratory**

**MenaVet to offer sophisticated testing facilities to animal breeders and zoos under one roof**

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A state-of-the-art veterinary laboratory dedicated to animals testing is now open for business in Sharjah.

MenaLabs Management F.Z. L.L.C , a division of CERBA Healthcare, announced today that their venture named MenaLabs Veterinary Laboratory (MenaVet), is now fully functional. MenaVet, hosted within the Sharjah Equine Hospital, offers 24/7 veterinary laboratory testing services to breeders, stables in remote locations, zoos and to private customers. Dedicated preventive care programs to ensure the wellness of animal patients will be launched over time.

MenaVet capitalises on CerbaVet, the veterinary branch of CERBA HealthCare based in southern Paris, to provide state-of-the-art veterinary testing with several patented innovative assays in their portfolio. MenaVet also provides a comprehensive set of services with unmatched scientific and clinical support.

The facility meets all physical and operational practices for bio-safety and all bio-containment requirements of a top-quality level-two laboratory. A quality-control system also ensures the safety of staff and the accuracy and traceability of test results.

“We are proud to have designed, installed and received all authorizations to open this new laboratory in a record timing,” commented Dr. Rasha Bassiouny, MenaLabs Corporate Laboratories Supervisor. “We are already offering a large panel of tests locally that is complemented by the offering available from CerbaVet in France.”

“There is a strong tradition and culture in the Gulf region to take great care of animals such as horses, camels or falcons,” added Dr. Thierry Boxus, MenaLabs Chief Operations Officer. “We have the ambition to bring our veterinary testing services close to the people taking care of these animals, wherever they are located. Our key difference is the round-the clock-availability of our services with our team of pathologists ready to support and advise our customers as fast as possible.”

### About MenaLabs Management

MenaLabs is a company established in the UAE bringing in the region two decades of European expertise in the field of Medical Diagnostic and Clinical Laboratories Management. Our goal is to create a large network of Laboratories and leverage their operating capacities to bring the highest quality standards in pathology services across the Middle East and Levant either by acquisitions or brought through public, private, partnerships.

### About CERBA HealthCare

CERBA HealthCare is a clinical pathology group created in 1967, active in all three sections of the market: routine clinical pathology, specialist clinical pathology and clinical trial pathology. CERBA HealthCare comprises a network of 50 Technical Platforms and over 350 collection centers located primarily in France, as well as elsewhere in Europe and in the United States, South Africa, Australia and China. Recently CERBA HealthCare diversified in the market of the veterinary biology by creating CERBA Vet, a dedicated entity. It has 4200 employees, including 350 clinical pathologists, and carries out over 250,000 laboratory tests daily. In 2015, its consolidated sales amounted to € 605 million.