

## PRESS RELEASE

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# Bureau Veritas acquires Q Certificazioni and enters the organic food certification market in Italy

<u>Bureau Veritas</u>, a world leader in testing, inspection and certification (TIC) services, today announced that it has completed the acquisition of Italy-based <u>Q Certificationi S.r.l.</u>, an independent certification body specializing in organic certification.

Founded in 2009, and headquartered near Siena in Tuscany, Q Certificazioni has 12 employees and generated c. €2 million in revenues in 2018. The company delivers accredited organic certification services for food products against national and international standards to a client base of farmers, food producers and retailers.

Q Certificazioni enables Bureau Veritas to enter the organic food certification market in Italy, one of Europe's leading countries in the production of organic food and one of the leading exporting countries of organic produce.

This bolt-on acquisition is the fifth transaction completed by Bureau Veritas in 2019, and the third in the food industry, supporting the group's Agri-Food strategic growth initiative.

#### **About Bureau Veritas**

Bureau Veritas is a world leader in laboratory testing, inspection and certification services. Created in 1828, the Group has more than 77,000 employees located in more than 1,500 offices and laboratories around the globe. Bureau Veritas helps its clients improve their performance by offering services and innovative solutions, in order to ensure that their assets, products, infrastructure and processes meet standards and regulations in terms of quality, health and safety, environmental protection and social responsibility.

Bureau Veritas is listed on Euronext Paris and belongs to the Next 20 index.

Compartment A, ISIN code FR 0006174348, stock symbol: BVI.

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