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*A Distinguished Window into the Rough and Tumble World of Calibration*

## DTS Goes Worldwide

To be fair, that headline is at least modestly misleading. Diamond Technical Services is now a part of Trescal, Inc, which as a company has locations in over 20 different countries. But with a generous application of the transitive property, we're prepared to make the "international" claim regardless. (We're even considering possibly taking the bold step of calling ourselves "Mr. Worldwide," since we're pretty sure Pitbull doesn't have the juice anymore to fight us in court on that for long – too bad it's not 2014 anymore, huh, Pitbull?).

All confusing references to 5-year old pop culture aside, as of late 2018, Diamond Technical Services joined as part of Trescal, a multinational calibration-focused company headquartered outside of Paris, France. Joining over 20 other U.S.-based laboratories, DTS is in a great position to keep growing its services and footprint throughout New England with renewed resources and capabilities, along with continuing to serve its customers nation-wide.

Just to address the elephant in the room, here are some things that will *not* be noticeably changing for DTS on account of the acquisition: management, personnel, loca-

tion, certification, commitment to customer service, pricing, or lead times.

Here are some things we *do* expect to change: some internal processes, expanded calibration capabilities, increased training resources, jokes about the Maginot Line, poorly-done French accents, and Beret Fridays. Not to mention, Trescal has significantly increased the amount of company-branded aircraft that we're normally used to being associated with.



### About This Issue

- There's a 45% chance this is the first time any given reader has thought of the Maginot Line since 9<sup>th</sup> grade History.
- No portion of this newsletter had to pass through corporate marketing or public affairs for review. Based on the quantity of French jokes, this will likely change in the future.
- At least 3 of us still think the song "Timber" is pretty catchy and hope Pitbull is doing okay for himself out there.

## Ask Kal, the Calibration Quokka



*Hey Kal, what's the difference between the various ISO accreditor names I've seen? Does it matter which one my calibration provider has on their certificate?*

For all practical purposes as far as the calibration customer is concerned, it's generally all the same! Since A2LA is one of the larger companies, some people might think that if a calibration company isn't "A2LA accredited" that they may not meet the same standard as another otherwise-accredited calibration provider.

However, that's not the case. All these companies (some of the more well-known ones being A2LA, ANAB, L-A-B, PJLA, and others) are competent independent bodies that can confirm that a company meets the ISO 17025 standard. They also generally meet their own set of standards to demonstrate their abilities to act as third-party auditors and accreditation agencies.

## The More You Know

Too many miscellaneous references in this issue with not that much background information got you down? Or just want to refresh your memory with some knowledge? We're here for you.

### The Maginot Line

The Maginot Line was a 280-mile long network of concrete fortifications and weapon installations built by France along its German border in the 1930s to prevent a surprise military attack.

The fortifications were impenetrable to pretty much everything *except* the German military's decision to briefly detour through Belgium to go around. Oops.



### Pitbull



Pitbull (real name Armando Perez, also known as Mr. Worldwide) is a Cuban-born American rapper and hip-hop artist who rose to prominence on the Billboard charts throughout the 2000s, with the previously mentioned hit *Timber* (sung with Ke\$ha) reaching number 1 in 18 different countries in 2013.

No jokes here, just facts about Pitbull. He's earned that much, at least.

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