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\$2 million investment pays off for Agvita Analytical

AgVita Analytical's new laboratory testing facility has passed its first few days of operation with flying colours.

"Plant and soil samples from Northern Territory, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, and Victoria arrived early this week and were processed in record time," Laboratory Operations Manager, Lisa Hurry, said.

"AgVita's investment in the latest technology and expertise has been well worthwhile, which will be reflected in our ability to be more responsive to our clients' needs," Lisa added.

The new laboratory reflects an investment of \$2 million in a purpose-built facility, and new technology and equipment developed in Australia, Europe and the United States.

"We have invested time and resources in researching the best technology to suit the needs of the Australian agriculture and water sectors. We have, to the extent that it is possible to do so, future-proofed the AgVita testing facility," Lisa said.

The AgVita team moved into the new laboratory a week ahead of schedule, following an extensive commissioning period that included calibrating and testing an impressive array of highly sensitive equipment.

"The last month has been a busy period for all concerned, but we are delighted that all our planning has given us the results we expected.

"We had high expectations of the laboratory, but we had to actually use it as it is intended to be used when we are in full testing mode to be sure it performed as intended.

"One of the additional benefits of the new laboratory is the work satisfaction it brings our scientists and technicians. They are really enjoying the facilities and the new equipment," Lisa said.

AgVita Analytical's new laboratory facilities will be officially opened by the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, The Hon Tony Burke MP, on Wednesday September 2, 2009.

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