AROTEC Diagnostics Limited: A Beacon of Innovation in Global Autoimmune Diagnostics Welcomes Honourable Minister Melissa Lee.

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Wellington, New Zealand – AROTEC Diagnostics Limited had the honour of hosting the Honourable Melissa Lee, Minister for Economic Development, at their state-of-the-art manufacturing facility. Sean Westbrook, the Managing Director of AROTEC Diagnostics Limited, proudly received the Minister, showcasing the company's significant contributions to the global autoimmune diagnostic industry.

Minister Lee's visit underscores AROTEC's exceptional achievements and its vital role in advancing New Zealand's biotechnology sector. During her tour, the Minister was briefed on AROTEC's innovative processes, including their specialisation in protein purification from animal, human, and recombinant sources. AROTEC's focus on autoimmune disease antigens and antibodies, with a meticulous chromatographic refinement process achieving an impressive 95-99% purity for autoantigens, far exceeds the industry minimum specification of 90%.

AROTEC Diagnostics Limited's commitment to quality is evident through its ISO 9001:2015 certification, reflecting its dedication to producing the highest quality diagnostic raw materials. Minister Lee commended the company for their success with export growth and their contribution to global health.

The visit also highlighted AROTEC's broader impact beyond its manufacturing excellence. Recently, the company was recognised as an ExportNZ AWARD WINNER, receiving the prestigious Judges' Choice award. This accolade is a testament to AROTEC's contribution to New Zealand's economy through export growth, employment, and innovation.

Minister Lee noted the importance of companies in New Zealand like AROTEC in fostering economic growth and technological advancement. She emphasised the Government's goal to double the value of exports in the next ten years.

Sean Westbrook expressed his gratitude for the Minister's visit, stating, "We are honoured to have Minister Melissa Lee visit our facility in recognition of our efforts and achievements. This visit reinforces our commitment to excellence and innovation in the autoimmune diagnostic industry and to our contributions to the New Zealand economy through our exports."

As AROTEC Diagnostics Limited continues to lead the way in the global autoimmune diagnostic industry, it remains a shining example of New Zealand's innovative spirit and dedication to excellence. The visit by Minister Melissa Lee highlights the critical role of government support in driving the local biotechnology sector forward.

For more information about AROTEC Diagnostics Limited and its offerings, please visit their website at <u>www.arodia.com</u>.