Petrolab is 25 years old
This is our story so far

1991: PETROLAB FOUNDED
Petrolab was founded by Dr. Alan Bromley, former head of geology at Camborne School of Mines. The initial focus of the work was ‘Mundic’ concrete assessments.

1991: RICS 2ND EDITION
Petrolab conducted its first RICS guidance released, clarifying many of the original concrete types.

2003: PETROLAB INCORPORATED
As the business continued to expand it was incorporated in 2003. In particular optical microscopy assessments continued to form a key part of the business going forward. Based around three standard petrographic microscopes and widespread user experience Petrolab provided expertise on a wide range of sample types.

2003: PETROLAB INCORPORATED
Company offices and microscope facilities moved to larger premises in January. New occupying the Redruth Miners Hospital building.

2006/7: NEW DIRECTORS
James Strongman and John Fletcher become joint owners and directors of the company. James had been with the company since 2001.

2011: KTP WITH PLYMOUTH
Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) with Plymouth University is set-up providing input into knowledge, technology and skills essential to improving competitiveness, productivity and performance.

2015: MINERALOGIC
Purchase of Automated Mineralogy system. Petrolab now offers automated mineralogy services using Mineralogic mining a Zeiss EVO MA25 and Bruker EDX Detectors.

DEC 2015: MIN SOLUTIONS
Min-Solutions is set-up as a joint venture between Petrolab Limited and MinAssist using Zeiss equipment to provide operational mineralogical support to mining, hydrometallurgy and processing plants.

Petrolab staff are specialists in the mineralogical investigation of rocks, mineral resources and manufactured inorganic materials by microscopic analysis. High quality interpretative reports help clients evaluate the potential of their mineral resources and solve materials related problems.

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