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JOINT ISO-ILAC-IAF COMMUNIQUÉ

Please note that the joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué and covering letter on the *Management System Requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005, General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*, has been updated on the ILAC website under "Publications and Resources".

Accredited laboratories may now use the following statement on their test reports and calibration certificates:

"This laboratory is accredited in accordance with the recognised International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005. This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory

quality management system (refer joint ISO-ILAC-IAF COMMUNIQUÉ dated January 2009)"

Laboratories that choose to use the above statement should also either supply, or provide access to (via a website), the Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué as part of the package for their laboratory customers.

ISO 9001:2000 is now obsolete and has been replaced by ISO 9001:2008.

The joint Communiqué is available on the ILAC website at www.ilac.org and on the SANAS website at <http://www.sanas.co.za/announcements.php>

Notification received from ILAC Secretariat, 15 January 2009

STREAMLINING COMMUNICATION: ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

SANAS has undertaken a project to review our processes and communication channels with our clients, accredited facilities as well as our assessors. The communications meetings and assessor conclaves held in the major centres during 2008 confirmed the foreseen change was necessary.

The main objective and focus of the project committee was to derive a solution to address the concerns raised by the accreditation community with regards to centralised communication with SANAS.

The committee embarked on activities including our internal structure, communication lines with clients and assessors and the hierarchy of processes and its impact on service delivery of the end product.



BY SUMÉ MURRAY
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We then decided that the first step should be to resolve the various communication lines and entry-exit points of information into and out of SANAS. One of the main deliverables of the project was to allocate a specific Administrator(s) to a programme to centralise the administration activities of the programme.

STREAMLINING COMMUNICATION: ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

In the future, clients accredited to certain scopes which are categorised by programmes may contact the following administration personnel:

Programme	Administrator(s) / Senior Administrator	Contact Details	Services Offered by Administration to Client and Assessors
Programme 1 a) Blood Transfusion services b) Veterinary Labs c) Pharmaceutical Labs d) GLP Facilities	Nonceba Sawa	noncebas@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3767	Assessors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment Documentation • Travel Itineraries • Return of Assessment Packs • Communication w.r.t Corrective Actions Clients - Accredited Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication w.r.t Corrective Actions • Certificates and Schedules of Accreditation • Contact details management • Website directory / details maintenance
Programme 2 Calibration Laboratories	Sarah Ravhudzulo	sarahr@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3763	
Programme 3 Certification Bodies	Linda Bam	lindab@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3778	
Programme 4 Inspection Bodies	Mabatho Malepe	mabathom@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3785	
Programme 5 Medical Laboratories	Shiela Moeketsi	shielam@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3849	
Programme 6 Testing Laboratories	a) Nyiko Nkhwashu b) Rami Maake	a) nyikon@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3766 b) ramim@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3768	
Programme 7 Verification Laboratories Testing Labs: Mechanical	Emelda Udensi	emeldau@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3791	
Programme 8 B BBEE Facilities	Linda Bam	lindab@sanas.co.za Tel: 012 394 3778	

Table 1

The communication lines as indicated in Table 1 above will be effective as of 1 April 2009.

The following processes must still be communicated via the relevant Field Manager:

- Assessment scheduling, confirmations, changes, assessors
- Extension to scope and personnel applications
- Suspensions and withdrawals of accreditation
- Quotations and payment confirmations
- Re-instatement visits

For further information on the above, please contact Sumé Murray via e-mail at sumem@sanas.co.za or telephonically on 012 394 3781.

INVITATION TO ACCREDITED TESTING LABORATORIES

Bidders of RT9-2009PF contract which commences 1 July 2009 till 30 June 2011 have a pre-requisite to submit South African National Accreditation System or International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (SANAS/ILAC) accredited laboratory reports. This contract is also monitored throughout the duration of the two years.

SANAS accredited laboratories applying SANAS accredited methods are requested to submit proposals of interest to execute the following quantitative analyses, as required:

- Chemical tests
 - Energy
 - Macro-nutrients
 - Fats and fatty acids as required
 - Proteins and certain amino acids as required
 - Micro-nutrients
 - Vitamins
 - Minerals
- Microbiological tests
- Allergenicity tests

For more information please contact Andiswa Ngqaka at NgqakA@health.gov.za or Tel: (012) 312 0873

IN MEMORY OF MR QUINTON OLVER 1934 – 2009

It was with sadness that SANAS was informed of the passing of Quinton Olver on 16 January 2009. Quinton had worked as a Technical Assessor for SANAS in Force Metrology over many years performing numerous assessments.

Quinton commenced his career as an apprentice Fitter and Turner in 1951 and after a stint as a marine engineer

he accepted employment in the mechanical laboratory of University of Witwatersrand.

He followed this with stints in the laboratories of the SABS and Kentron until in 1985 when he moved to the National Measurement Standards Laboratory of the CSIR where he was the project leader for Force Metrology, and remained in this position until his retirement in 1994. Quinton was a kind, considerate and knowledgeable metrologist and he will be missed by his friends, colleagues and fellow metrologists throughout South Africa. Rest in Peace.



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