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RECOGNITION OF ILAC IN ENERGY STAR REQUIREMENTS

There has been a trend in the United States (US) in recognising the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and its arrangements.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Energy Star Program has finalized their conditions and criteria for recognition of Accreditation Bodies (AB's) for Energy Star Laboratory Recognition (AB Requirements) and Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of Laboratories for the Energy Star Program (Laboratory Requirements). ILAC has provided comments on the draft conditions,

and one of the requirements is that a laboratory maintains its status as a signatory of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA).

"These final requirements are an important step in the enhanced testing and verification effort that EPA intends to have in place for all ENERGY STAR qualified products at the end of the year." indicated Ann Bailey, Chief at ENERGY STAR Labeling Branch, US Environmental Protection Agency on the memorandum issued June 2010.

For more information on the final requirements, visit: www.energystar.gov.

SANAS 2010 COMMUNICATION MEETINGS

During July and August SANAS held the Annual Communication meetings in Gauteng, Port Elizabeth, Durban and Cape Town. Staff members gave presentations on various topics and stakeholders were informed of the latest developments at SANAS. Copies of the presentations are available on the SANAS website, under the following link: http://www.sanas.co.za/pub_comms_meeting.php.

Some of our stakeholders could not attend the meetings due to various reasons. We encourage all stakeholders to review the presentations for information purposes.

Attendees at the Gauteng meeting are reminded to kindly complete the feedback form made available on the website, under the above link, your feedback is valuable for our improvement.

For any enquiries regarding these meetings, please contact Ms Tshenolo Molamu on, tshenolom@sanas.co.za.

ACCREDITATION SYMBOL CHANGEOVER

Facility representatives are reminded that the allocated period for the phase-in of the new symbol has expired. The cut off date for changeover of the old symbol was March 2010. Certificates issued with the old symbol will no longer be valid.

The valid accreditation symbol is available from SANAS via the relevant Field Manager, and the requirements on the use of the symbol are outlined in the R04 document.

The R04 document is available on the website under the following link: <http://www.sanas.co.za/manuals/index.php>

APPOINTMENT OF TESTING AND MEDICAL FIELD MANAGERS

We are pleased to announce that the recruitment process for the General Testing Laboratories and Medical Testing Field Managers has been finalized.

Ms Linda Grundlingh was appointed from July 2010, as Field Manager for General Testing Laboratories for a period of two (2) years. Her contact details are:

Telephone (012) 394 3000 and e-mail lindag@sanas.co.za.

Ms Nombuso Ndlovu was appointed from September 2010, as Field Manager: Medical Laboratories, also for a period of two (2) years.

Her contact details are: Telephone (012) 394 3458 and e-mail nombuson@sanas.co.za.