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Subject: **Renewal of accreditation with advisories and clarification**

Dear Sir,

NABL approves renewal of accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 in the discipline of Chemical testing as per scope recommended by the assessment team with changes as mentioned below:

- Revised scope is accepted (w.r.t removal of section A under APHA test method as it refers only to introduction/general discussion and range of testing) in view of the satisfactory correction action submitted by the laboratory (RefNC No 1, Part 1 and 5).

An opportunity is given to the laboratory to provide explanation/justification within 10 days as to why accreditation should not be denied for "Hexavalent Chromium" test as per APHA 24th Ed 3113 A, B: Cr under Surface Water under Water in the Chemical discipline as the applied method is inappropriate and newly proposed method (3500 Cr-B, Colorimetric method) was not applied during the application (RefNC No. 01, Part 2).

Laboratory is advised to address the following within 10 days:

- Review the upper limit of range of testing for Ash test in the scope.
- Provide type of moisture for moisture test as per ISO 1350 (Part 1) in the scope.

All the personnel proposed by the laboratory to report, review and authorize the results are accepted including Mr. Mahendra Behera for the group of Solid fuels (RefNC No. 07, Part 2)), except as mentioned below:

- Ms. Shalinie Kumar, Ms. Subhashree Pattanaik, Ms. Saswati Samantaray and Mr. Simma Bhaskara Rao are not accepted under Soil and Rock group in the Chemical discipline as the competency could not be established during the assessment and subsequently withdrawn by the laboratory (RefNC No. 04).
- Mr. B G Ray is not accepted under Solid Fuel in the Chemical discipline as competency was not established during the assessment and subsequently withdrawn by the laboratory (RefNC No. 07).

The accreditation certificate number of testing laboratory is TC-7052 and is valid from 22.03.2024 till 21.03.2026.

Being an accredited laboratory, it is required to strictly adhere to the Terms and Conditions to maintain NABL accreditation as mentioned in NABL 131 at all times during the accreditation period.

Continuation of accreditation is subject to satisfactory annual surveillance.

NABL applies an assessment programme of 2 years which consists of annual surveillance and renewal assessment after grant of accreditation. The Desktop surveillance of the laboratory will be conducted in January, 2025. Thereafter, the renewal application is to be submitted well in advance (give sufficient time to process) prior to the expiry of accreditation.

Being an accredited laboratory, it is required to strictly adhere to the NABL 133 requirements for use of NABL symbol.

In case you wish to use the "NABL Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark" in your reports, please submit request for permission through the portal.

The laboratory is required to upload the PT/ILC participation plan on Portal as required by NABL 163.

In addition to the above, the laboratory is required to pay the Annual Accreditation fee pending if any to download the Accreditation certificate.

Yours Sincerely,  
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