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Dear Potential Participant,

I wish to advise the following:

Proficiency Testing Program – Coal Round 29

Samples

Two 250g samples of coal.

Tests

Moisture, Ash, Volatile Matter, Gross Calorific Value, Total Sulfur, Relative Density, Chlorine, Carbon, Hydrogen, Nitrogen, Carbonate Carbon, Phosphorus in Coal, Pyritic Sulfur, Sulphate Sulfur, Fluorine, Mercury, Selenium, Arsenic and Boron.

Benefits

Participation in proficiency testing will satisfy the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 for assuring the quality of tests results.

Official Recognition

Proficiency Testing Australia programs are developed and maintained to international standards. Our programs are accredited to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 "Conformity assessment – General requirements for proficiency testing" by International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ).

Note: PTA sub-contracts sample supply and homogeneity/stability testing for this program.

Schedule

Sample distribution is planned for March 2013 and laboratories will be allowed two weeks to

test the samples and return their results. Detailed instructions, a results sheet (with confidential code number) and the samples will be sent to each laboratory's nominated contact.

Performance evaluation

A report will be issued on the PTA website at the completion of the program and a summary sheet will be issued by post, which will provide an evaluation of your laboratory's performance.

Pricing

The fee for participating laboratories in this program will be AUD\$1200. Additional samples are available for each individual laboratory for AUD\$960. An invoice for the appropriate amount will be sent to you upon registration. PTA payment terms and conditions are available on the PTA website at www.pta.asn.au.

Registration and contact details

Please complete the enclosed request for participation form and return by fax or email by **Friday 8 February 2013**.

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Yours sincerely

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