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NEWS RELEASE: Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (L-A-B) Becomes a Signatory to APLAC MRA

(Fort Wayne, IN) Laboratory Accreditation Bureau is pleased to announce that it has become a signatory to the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) effective December 6, 2007, after formal recognition at the recent APLAC meeting in Malaysia. L-A-B now advances to be a full member of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) whereby L-A-B will recognize, and be fully recognized by, the 58 ILAC signatories worldwide.

Signatories of ILAC and the APLAC MRA accredit laboratories to the International Standard *ISO/IEC 17025: General Requirements for the Operation of Calibration and Testing Laboratories*. Current United States signatories are: 1) the American Association of Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), 2) National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), 3) International Accreditation Services (IAS) and 4) AClass Accreditation Services. Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (L-A-B) is the 5th accreditation body recognized by APLAC in the United States.

L-A-B Managing Director, Doug Leonard, stated: "We appreciate the efforts and hard work of our L-A-B staff, accredited laboratories and advisors in achieving this recognition. We all look forward to continuing to conduct effective, efficient and highly competent calibration and testing laboratory assessments."

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