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## IAS Calibration Laboratory Accreditation Program Gains International Recognition April 25, 2005

It gives me great pleasure to announce recognition of our calibration laboratory accreditation program by the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC). At its April 25, 2005, meeting in Tokyo, the Mutual Recognition Arrangement Council (MRA Council) of APLAC voted unanimously to admit IAS to its MRA for calibration laboratory accreditation. The Council, consisting of representatives from 21 countries, meets twice a year to consider reports of evaluations conducted on accreditation programs operated by APLAC members, and votes to admit, renew or suspend the programs. A 75% affirmative vote is required for recognition.

IAS is already an APLAC MRA signatory to the testing laboratory and inspection body accreditation programs. With recognition of the calibration laboratory accreditation program, IAS becomes the only accreditation body in the Americas (North and South) to be internationally recognized for all three programs. APLAC recognition is a crucial step to assure the global acceptance of reports of testing, inspection and calibration work done by IAS-accredited entities, and represents the culmination of a rigorous peer evaluation process by an international team of experts.

APLAC is a regional arrangement under the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). Signatory status in APLAC assures global acceptance through ILAC.

I take this opportunity to thank on behalf of the IAS board, committee and staff our staff metrologists, and the initial group of accredited calibration laboratories, for this significant accomplishment.

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