





RICE SCHEME

Regular Interlaboratory Counting Exchanges

CLASSIFICATION OF LABORATORY PERFORMANCE

Laboratory No. : 1275

Period: 10/11/2023 TO 08/11/2024

Rounds: **124, 125, 126, 127**

Laboratory : **ENQUIN ENVIRONMENTAL Ltd.**

1 Ringside Business Centre

Heol-y-Rhosog

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UK

Classification : Category 1 - GOOD

Notes

- 1 The RICE scheme test proficiency in the use of the optical microscopy method of counting asbestos fibres as described in the Health and Safety Executive publication HSG248
- 2 The classifications will be updated after each subsequent round i.e. at 3 4 month intervals
- 3 Laboratories which have completed fewer than four rounds are normally classified as AWAITING CLASSIFICATION.
- 4 On completion of four rounds laboratories are classified with the performance category (CATEGORY 1, CATEGORY 2 or CATEGORY 3). Category 1 represents GOOD performance, Category 2 is ACCEPTABLE (but needs improvement), while Category 3 is UNSATISFACTORY performance.

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SUMMARY OF LABORATORY RESULTS: ROUNDS 124, 125, 126, 127

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| ROUNDS | | | | | NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF COUNTS IN PERFORMANCE BANDS | | | |
|---|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|--|----------------------|---------|---------|
| ROUND | GROUP | ВАТСН | | DEADLINE DATE | BAND A | BAND A AND BAND B | BAND -C | BAND +C |
| 127 | 24 | 24 | 00 N | lov 2024 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| | 24 | 24 | 08 Nov 2024 | | 100% | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| 126 | 33 | 33 | 21 Jun 2024 | | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 21 J | un 2024 | 100% | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| 125 | 4 | 4 | 08 Mar 2024 | | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | 100% | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| 124 | 29 | 29 | 9 10 Nov 2023 | | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 124 | 29 | 29 | | | 100% | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| Four-round average percentages | | | | | 100.0% | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| | | | | | Category 1 - GOOD | | | |
| Categories from previous rounds CATEGORY | | | | | 127 | 126 | 125 | 124 |
| | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

CALCULATION OF CATEGORY

In routine cases, if the four-round average percentage of counts in Band A is 75% or more, the Category is 1; failing that, if the average of counts in Bands A and B combined is 75% or more, the Category is 2; otherwise the Category is 3.

The Category may be subjected to review (e.g. if one of the four rounds was missed or if an extra batch of samples was evaluated

Full details on the assessment of categories, and on the formal performance classifications, are given in the document "RICE Information for Participants"



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