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**TO APLAC AND PAC MEMBERS AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS**

***Formal notification of the merger of APLAC and PAC to form the  
Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC)  
effective from 1 January 2019***

In June 2018, the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) and the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) agreed to combine to form a new single regional accreditation body cooperation called the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC). APAC will start on 1 January 2019.

Existing APLAC and PAC members will be transferred to the relevant membership category of the new APAC, and any existing mutual recognition status within APLAC and PAC will be transferred to the new APAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA).

The new APAC MRA has been recognised by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). This means conformity assessment bodies (for example certification bodies, inspection bodies and laboratories) that are currently accredited by accreditation bodies that are signatories to the APLAC MRA or PAC MLA will retain their international recognition through the APAC MRA from 2019 onwards without interruption and change.

Further information on the merger and the new APAC will be available and released before the end of 2018 via the APAC website: [www.apac-accreditation.org](http://www.apac-accreditation.org)

Mr. Graeme Drake from GED Advisory Pty Ltd has been confirmed as the new APAC Secretary effective from 1 January 2019.

Yours sincerely

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