RICE SCHEME

Regular **I**nterlaboratory **C**ounting **E**xchanges

CLASSIFICATION OF LABORATORY PERFORMANCE

Laboratory No. :	**1275**
Period :	**25/06/2021 TO 24/06/2022**
Rounds :	**117, 118, 119, 120**
Laboratory :	**ENQUIN ENVIRONMENTAL Ltd.** **1 Ringside Business Centre** **Heol-y-Rhosog** **Wentloog** **Cardiff** **CF3 2EW** **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 **117, 118, 119, 120**

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ROUNDS				NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF COUNTS IN PERFORMANCE BANDS			
ROUND	GROUP	BATCH	ROUND DEADLINE DATE	BAND A	BAND A AND BAND B	BAND -C	BAND +C
120	**11**	**13**	**24 Jun 2022**	12	12	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
119	**11**	**38**	**11 Mar 2022**	14	14	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
118	**12**	**15**	**05 Nov 2021**	13	13	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
117	**12**	**14**	**25 Jun 2021**	13	13	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
Four-round average percentages				100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Category 1 - GOOD

Categories from previous rounds					
	ROUND	120	119	118	117
	CATEGORY	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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