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Gekko Systems Announces Accreditation by Premier Testing Authority



Members of Gekko's Assay and MET Laboratories: Shaun Marrow, Esther Stewart, Adam Teague, Pierre Roberts, Belinda Rosenhart, Barry Tuncks, Brett Donaldson and Sibasis Acharya

The Gekko Systems Assay Laboratory has recently received NATA accreditation in the field of Chemical Testing.

The National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) is one of the largest comprehensive laboratory accreditation bodies in the world and provides independent assurance of technical competence through a proven network of best practice industry experts. This accreditation is highly regarded as it formally recognises facilities across a range of industries that provide excellent standards of service in reliability, safety and efficiency in technical services.

The accreditation is granted to laboratories in compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 and the field-specific criteria which is determined via an on-site assessment of resources, procedures and documentation. The organisation must demonstrate that it can competently perform all activities included within its class or field of accreditation.

All aspects of the facility's operation is thoroughly investigated and NATA regularly evaluates areas such as quality control, management systems, reporting, staff training, proficiency and equipment performance to ensure that the data produced is of the highest quality. As a result, clients can be confident that the final data reports received are of the highest quality and that all international laboratory best practices have been followed.

The Gekko Assay Laboratory is located at Ballarat and is a world-class coarse gold assay facility allowing Gekko to further expand its capabilities and provide support for Gekko's metallurgical laboratory. The laboratory offers a wide range of analytical services including gold and platinum group metals by fire assay, leachwell (cyanide extraction) and base metal analysis.

Shaun Marrow, Gekko's Assay Laboratory Services Manager, said "NATA Accreditation puts the Assay Laboratory on a level playing field with our competitors. We are now able to market our capabilities and give the client confidence that the laboratory follows best practices but still achieves great turnaround times at a competitive price."

The Gekko Assay laboratory also provides services for both the Gekko Metallurgical laboratory and external clients. The high capacity of the equipment allows for the processing of large and multiple samples simultaneously. This not only decreases turnaround time but improves the accuracy of data from low yields. Gekko believes that their accreditation will appeal to a broad range of clients, including those involved in exploration and mine production.

While technical competence and quality control have always been very high, achieving NATA accreditation has given all staff a new benchmark to maintain standards at every step of the process.

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