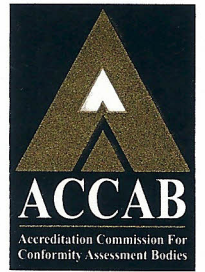


ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES

Independent & International Accreditation Services for:
Certification & Inspection Bodies ♦ Testing & Calibration Laboratories ♦ Medical Laboratories



To,

Date: 10th February 2014

The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment and Forests,
Cp Division, Government of India,
Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi 110003.

Kind Attention:

Ref: **OFFICE MEMORANDUM 12th August 2011**- Addendum to the guidelines for recognition of Environmental Laboratories under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Sub: Recognition of Certification / Laboratory Accreditation Services provided by ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES (ACCAB) as per the COMPETITION APPELLATE TRIBUNAL - ORDER Dated 17th January 2014.

Respected Sir,

Greetings!

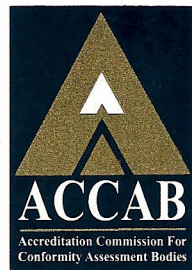
About Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB):

ACCAB is the India's First Private Sector, Independent and International Accreditation Body. Accreditation services are also provided by private sector/non-government organizations and there are many instances that such types of organizations are already operating in other countries. We attach our brochure for your reference and record.

Please find attached herewith the order dated 17th January 2014 of the Competition Appellate Tribunal and the Synopsis of the said order for your perusal and record. We request you to study the order carefully. Further, we wish to draw your attention particularly to the Prayers considered by the Hon'ble Appellate under Para 5 of the said order. Also we would like to draw your special attention to Page No. 31 Para – 9: wherein the Hon'ble COMPAT ORDER mentions, and QUOTE "we have heard Ms Kohli, Shri Mayank Bansal, Shri Sumit Babar and also Sri R. M. Sharma on behalf of opponents.... it was pointed out that at the time when the notifications were issued the informant was nowhere in the picture. They further explained to us that even at that time the notification suggests that any other accreditation body comparable with the OP 1 or as the case may be OP 2 in their international standards were acceptable to the government companies." UNQUOTE.

In view of the forgoing submissions, for according recognition and acceptance to the Certification / Laboratory Accreditation Services provided by the ACCAB, kindly place our application on record

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and expedite the needful in order to fulfill the interest of the stakeholders of the conformity assessment business and support the common objectives of the various national & international institutions. The progressive and demanding growth of the trade world over warrants that suitable options to be created and implemented in order to prevent and preclude **THE ENTRY BARRIER**. Therefore may we request your good self to amend your aforementioned circular / memorandum / public notice / documents / notifications / guidelines to read as "**CERTIFICATION / LABORATORY ACCREDITATION AS PER ISO 17021 / ISO 17025 / ISO 15189 STANDARDS resp. (BY NABCB / NABL / ACCAB / ANY OTHER ACCREDITATION AGENCY THAT HAS NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE)**".

Thanking you and we do look forward to your kind cooperation and assistance in working towards achieving a common goal.

Yours faithfully,
For Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies Private Limited

Dilip H. Deshmukh
Chief Executive Officer

Encl. Copies:

1. Order dated 17th January 2014 by the Hon'ble Competition Appellate Tribunal New Delhi.
2. Synopsis of the Said Order
3. ACCAB Brochure
4. Government of Maharashtra EMN Certificate
5. Copyright Certificate issued by the Copyright Office, Government of India.

