

## Geotechnical and Civil Construction Material Testing Summary of the 30<sup>th</sup> Accreditation Advisory Committee Meeting

This meeting took place on 9th September 2020 via Zoom.

### Committee Membership

- There were no new AAC member appointments.
- An Expression of Interest will be published on the NATA website by the end of September 2020 for the two members with expiring terms and replacement of a retiring member.

### Reports from Members

- There was some discussion concerning the Galileo gyratory compactor, the proposed replacement for the current Gyropac compactor
- On-site inductions seem to be getting more stringent
- Sustainability and use of plastics in road construction
- Difficulty with assessment of sampling activities

### Stakeholder Engagement

- The Technical Assessor and Laboratory forums held in early 2020 were generally well received. Future forums will include Cause Analysis.
- NATA continues to engage with industry bodies, regulators and specifiers.

### Service Descriptors

- The project to review scope of accreditation descriptors to better match Technical Assessor competencies was reviewed by the committee. Further feedback was sought from the committee and considered when amending the NATA publication *Specific Accreditation Guidance – Scope of accreditation – service descriptors for infrastructure and asset integrity*.

### Miscellaneous Discussion

- A model for assessing annex facilities was discussed by the Committee. Issues noted and discussed included the following; technical assessor training, review of documentation, management of process, items not assessed, interaction of assessment team, and long term plans. Other issues raised included the assessment of the base facilities when equipment is located at the annex facility and assessment variations.  
A further meeting was planned in early 2021 to progress the development of a model.

### Precedents

- The Committee discussed and accepted changes to the suitability of the thermometers for heat of neutralisation tests and Benkelman Beam Weighbridge docketts and other information regarding tyres.
- These precedents are proposed to be added as new sections in the Specific Accreditation Guidance (Infrastructure and Asset Integrity Technical - Issues in Geotechnical Testing).

The next meeting is planned for Jan/Feb 2022.