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Quality accredited proteomics services – a world first laboratory setting the standards for work performed in the biosimilars and protein drug markets

Proteomics International, a leading provider of protein analyses has been awarded accreditation under ISO 17025 by Australia's accreditation agency NATA, a world-renowned testing authority. This accreditation is the first time globally that a proteomics service laboratory has achieved this status. The accreditation for compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 laboratory standard extends beyond the boundaries of single protein analysis to the mapping and comparison of whole systems, peptide sequencing of unknown proteins, and biomarker detection.

The company's Managing Director Dr Richard Lipscombe said *"With the astonishing growth of protein drugs and the biosimilars market we wanted the accreditation as an assurance to all our clients that work is carried out to the highest standard. It is essential for both fundamental research and fast product approvals in new markets."*

The standard is the most widely used laboratory benchmark for US Federal testing facilities, and will give assurance to existing and new clients that Proteomics International's laboratories meet stringent conditions and will be audited annually. *"The laboratories, its staff and senior management have been assessed by independent experts in process, proteomics and mass spectrometry and the company has passed a significant milestone."* Dr Lipscombe said.

As a result of this accreditation, Proteomics International joins the world's trusted laboratories but in a field that has not yet seen any specialist proteomics labs with such broad accreditation. Unlike GLP, which is study oriented, ISO 17025 is directly related to the laboratory's ability to generate technically valid results – the entirety of premises, staff and management's capacity to continually meet high standards across the board.

Kaye Winfield, Proteomics International's Quality Manager thinks it's a degree of recognition that was well earned by her colleagues. *"We are all the more confident of our capacity and ability to deliver independent analytical services that meet the most stringent global standards"* she said.

About NATA

The National Association of Testing Authorities was set up in 1947 in Australia and is the world's first accreditation agency with over 32,000 laboratories on its books. The agency is one of the world's leaders in laboratory accreditation under the International Standards Organisation. Around the world there are many NATA equivalents, such as the NABL in India, in the USA, Laboratory Accreditation Bureau, LLC (L-A-B) is one of many and in the UK, the NATA equivalent is UKAS.

About Proteomics International Pty Ltd

Proteomics International is both a contract service provider and research and development company, focused on providing quality analytical services to the biological research market and on developing value from protein drug discovery. Proteomics International combines the most advanced high throughput mass spectrometry instrumentation (MALDI TOF-TOF and LC-MS/MS) and a team of qualified scientists with proven expertise in protein and peptide chemistry. The company has two focal research activities; analysis of venoms using its proprietary *Bioven* process, and the discovery and use of biomarkers from a variety of tissue sources. Skills developed from these research programs are incorporated into the sophisticated suite of specialist contract research techniques provided to clients such as iTRAQ, MRM, and *de novo* proteome mapping. High quality, fast and affordable protein identification, analytical and characterization services are routinely provided. Proteomics International is based in Perth, Western Australia and has established itself as an industry leader in the delivery of contract research and lead molecule discovery services in the Asia Pacific region. **Proteomics International is actively seeking distributors from many countries.**

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