

Letter to Alpha Customers Regarding ISO Guide 34 Accreditation

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Dear Valued Customer,

From the beginning, Alpha Resources has strived to offer the very best of laboratory products and reference materials at the lowest cost to our customers. We have over the years, worked to comply with every aspect of ISO 17025 and other related guides in the production of our reference materials. Our accreditation to ISO 17025 is evidence of our hard work and also meets a large portion of ISO Guide 34 requirements.

Due to conditions made by certain accreditation bodies we feel we must explain our position regarding ISO Guide 34 accreditation. We believe we are in compliance and will continue to work towards improving our system within the intent of ISO Guide 34. Within the ISO Guide 34-2009 it is mentioned as a note under section 1.2 of the Scope, (*) "This Guide is not intended to be used as the basis for conformity assessment by certification bodies." Different opinions can be made about this statement but to further support our argument, ISO 17025-2005 also makes no direct request for accreditation to ISO Guide 34 for implementation of reference materials either.

Therefore, Alpha Resources Inc., in order to keep costs low and provide a service to our customers, now announces that we are declaring compliance to ISO Guide 34. Our accreditation to ISO 17025, quality manual, and internal procedures are directed to comply with ISO 17025 and other related guides such as ISO Guide 34.

We will be issuing a certificate of conformance that will highlight those areas beyond the scope of ISO 17025 and how we meet the ISO Guide 34-2009 within our policies and procedures. This will be available along with our scope and certificate of accreditation for ISO 17025 which is shown at our website www.alpharesources.com. We hope this will provide the necessary information for auditors requiring information above and beyond the intent and scope of these mentioned ISO guides.

Sincerely,



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