



First Lab Accredited in Dubai

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he Arab Center for Engineering Studies (ACES) is proud to be the first laboratory in the Emirate of Dubai specializing in testing construction materials to be accredited by the International Accreditation Service (IAS).

In the Emirate of Dubai, all testing laboratories must follow the rules and regulations set and closely supervised by the Dubai Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) in accordance with ISO/IEC Standard 17025. To improve the quality of our services in Dubai and the rest of the Emirates, we decided to apply for accreditation. We chose IAS based on their reputation and international recognition. From the beginning of the accreditation process, IAS President Chuck Ramani and the IAS staff presented an extremely high degree of professionalism which helped

facilitate the accreditation process. It took ACES several months to prepare for the first IAS onsite assessment of our laboratory. The initial assessment lasted for three full days and involved review of our offices, laboratories and staff, including services provided by ACES' staff in the field.

We at ACES are very proud to have achieved accreditation by IAS which enhances the services we provide to our customers across the Emirates. Being accredited by IAS has instilled confidence and given ACES an edge over our competitors in this part of the world. We are pleased to report that our sister branch laboratory in Doha, Qatar, has achieved IAS accreditation as well. As of this writing, ACES is anxiously awaiting IAS accreditation of our branch laboratory in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

On behalf of our staff at ACES, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our utmost appreciation to IAS Leadership and staff for their personal attention to our need. We will always be grateful for their professionalism!