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For the attention of: Mr Andrew James and
Mr Asaf Gitarts

Email: construction.products@levellingup.gov.uk

20 September 2022

Dear Sirs

APPROVAL OF SYSTEM LABORATORIES UK LTD AS AN APPROVED BODY UNDER ARTICLE 48 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 305/2011 LAYING DOWN HARMONISED CONDITIONS FOR THE MARKETING OF CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS (RETAINED EU REGULATION 305/2011) (“the Regulation”).

I can confirm the Secretary of State has accepted the letter from UKAS dated 25 March 2022, and its enclosures, as an application by System Laboratories UK Ltd (the Company) under Article 47 of the Regulation for approval to carry out third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance as detailed in that application. The Secretary of State is also content to accept the letter from UKAS as confirmation the Company is a body which satisfies the requirements laid down in Article 43 of the Regulation.

Accordingly, in accordance with Article 48 of the Regulation the Secretary of State by this letter approves the Company as a body which has satisfied the requirements laid down in Article 43 of the Regulation and is hereby authorised to carry out third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance under the Regulation. The annex to this letter sets out the full details of the functions to be performed, reference to the relevant harmonised technical specification and, for the purposes of the system set out in Annex V of the Regulation, the essential characteristics for which the body is competent

The designation takes effect from 20 September 2022.

It is the responsibility of the Company to ensure it continues to meet all the relevant requirements set out in the Regulation. In this respect I specifically draw the Company’s attention to the ongoing obligation to comply with the requirements of Article 43 of the Regulation.

The Company must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the Secretary of State in writing, by email to construction.products@levellingup.gov.uk, of any matter which has, or the Company considers might have, a bearing upon its continued status as an Approved Body or its ability to continue to perform the third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance for which the Secretary of State has approved the Company to perform as an Approved Body

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line and a small loop at the end.

Chandru Dissanayeke

Director, Building Safety Programme
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For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

ANNEX 1 of LETTER OF APPROVAL dated 20 September 2022

APPROVAL OF AN APPROVED BODY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 40 OF THE CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS REGULATION 2011 (EU) NO 305/2011 AS IT HAS EFFECT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AS RETAINED EU LAW

From: The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 2 Marsham Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 4DF

1. Regulation: The Construction Products Regulation 2011 (EU) No 305/2011 as it has effect in the United Kingdom as retained EU law.

2.A. Name of body, acronym, address, telephone, email and website address.

Name of body:	System Laboratories UK Ltd
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Website address:	www.system-labs.co.uk

2.B. Identification number of the body: 8514

3. Period of validity and nature of the designation:

Status: Approved Body
Period of validity: Unlimited

4. Technical qualification of the body (accreditation or other official authorisation):

Recognised by the UK Government as competent to carry out Technical Assessment of performance under the regulations as shown above (including accreditation to **ISO/IEC 17025:2017** (and taking account of UKAS GEN 5 – Accreditation for the Purposes of Appointment as an Approved Body under the UKCA system, and other standards under the EA Alternative Approach, and taking into account EA 2/17 - EA Guidance on the horizontal requirements for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies for notification purposes plus positive recommendation by UK national accreditation body).

5. Tasks performed by the body:

The schedule for accreditation is outlined in Annex 3

6. Additional information

The scope of approval may be amended from time to time, as agreed by the Secretary of State, and will be recorded on UKMCAB (UK Market Conformity Assessment Bodies).

ANNEXE 2 – REGULATIONS

Article 43

Requirements for approved bodies

1. An approved body shall meet the requirements set out in paragraphs 2 to 11.
2. An approved body shall be established in the United Kingdom and have legal personality.
3. An approved body shall be a third-party body independent from the organisation or the construction product it assesses.

A body belonging to a business association or professional federation representing undertakings involved in the design, manufacturing, provision, assembly, use or maintenance of construction products which it assesses, can on condition that its independence and the absence of any conflict of interest are demonstrated, be considered to be such a body.

4. An approved body, its top-level management and the personnel responsible for carrying out the third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance shall not be the designer, manufacturer, supplier, installer, purchaser, owner, user or maintainer of the construction products which it assesses, nor the authorised representative of any of those parties. This shall not preclude the use of assessed products that are necessary for the operations of the approved body or the use of products for personal purposes.

An approved body, its top-level management and the personnel responsible for carrying out the third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance shall not become directly involved in the design, manufacture or construction, marketing, installation, use or maintenance of those construction products, nor represent the parties engaged in those activities. They shall not engage in any activity that may conflict with their independence of judgement and integrity related to the activities for which they have been approved. This shall, in particular, apply to consultancy services.

An approved body shall ensure that activities of its subsidiaries or subcontractors do not affect the confidentiality, objectivity and impartiality of its assessment and/or verification activities.

5. An approved body and its personnel shall carry out the third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance with the highest degree of professional integrity and requisite technical competence in the specific field and must be free from all pressures and inducements, particularly financial, which might influence their judgement or the results of their assessment and/or verification activities, especially from persons or groups of persons with an interest in the results of those activities.
6. An approved body shall be capable of carrying out all the third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance assigned to it in accordance with Annex V in relation to which it has been approved, whether those tasks are carried out by the approved body itself or on its behalf and under its responsibility.

At all times and for each system of assessment and verification of constancy of performance and for each kind or category of construction products, essential characteristics and tasks in relation to which it has been approved, the approved body shall have the following at its disposal:

- a. the necessary personnel with technical knowledge and sufficient and appropriate experience to perform the third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance;
- b. the necessary description of procedures according to which the assessment of performance is carried out, ensuring the transparency and the ability of reproduction of these procedures; it shall have appropriate policies and procedures in place that distinguish between the tasks it carries out as a approved body and other activities;
- c. the necessary procedures to perform its activities which take due account of the size of an undertaking, the sector in which it operates, its structure, the degree of complexity of the product technology in question and the mass or serial nature of the production process.

An approved body shall have the means necessary to perform the technical and administrative tasks connected with the activities for which it is approved in an appropriate manner and shall have access to all necessary equipment or facilities.

- 7. The personnel responsible for carrying out the activities in relation to which the body has been approved, shall have the following:
 - a. sound technical and vocational training covering all the third party tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance within the relevant scope for which the body has been approved;
 - b. satisfactory knowledge of the requirements of the assessments and verifications they carry out and adequate authority to carry out such operations;
 - c. appropriate knowledge and understanding of the applicable designated standards and of the relevant provisions of the Regulation;
 - d. the ability required to draw up the certificates, records and reports to demonstrate that the assessments and the verifications have been carried out.

- 8. The impartiality of the approved body, its top-level management and assessment personnel shall be guaranteed.

The remuneration of the approved body's top-level management and assessment personnel shall not depend on the number of assessments carried out or on the results of such assessments.

- 9. An approved body must have adequate liability insurance in respect of its activities.
- 10. The personnel of the approved body shall be bound to observe professional secrecy with regard to all information gained in carrying out its tasks under Annex V, except in relation to a competent authority, the UK national accreditation body or any other body to which the Secretary of State delegates or otherwise entrusts the monitoring of the approved body.
- 11. An approved body shall participate in, or ensure that its assessment personnel is informed of, the relevant standardisation activities and the activities of the approved body coordination group established under this Regulation and shall apply as general guidance the administrative decisions and documents produced as a work result of that group.


ANNEX 3 – SCHEDULE

Schedule of Accreditation

issued by


United Kingdom Accreditation Service

2 Pine Trees, Chertsey Lane, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 3HR, UK

 Accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2017	System Laboratories UK Ltd Issue No: 001 Issue date: 25 March 2022	
	Unit 13 Apex Park Leighton Road Leighton Buzzard LU7 3RE	Contact: Mr Andrew James/ Mr Asaf Gitarts Tel: +44 (0) 1525664090 E-Mail: ajames@system-labs.co.uk Website: www.system-labs.co.uk
Testing performed at the above address only		

DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION

Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used
BUILDING MATERIALS and PRODUCTS	<u>Reaction to Fire</u>	
	Non-combustibility test	BS EN ISO 1182: 2020
	Determination of the gross heat of combustion (calorific value)	BS EN ISO 1716:2018
	Thermal attack by a single burning item	BS EN 13823:2020
	Impingement of single-flame source test	BS EN ISO 11925-2:2020

 <p>UKAS TESTING 23841</p> <p>Accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2017</p>	<p align="center">Schedule of Accreditation issued by United Kingdom Accreditation Service 2 Pine Trees, Chertsey Lane, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 3HR, UK</p> <p align="center">Legal entity</p> <p align="center">Issue No: 001 Issue date: 25 March 2022</p>
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Accreditation for the purpose of UK Approved Body Activity in accordance with UKCA Requirements and UKAS Publication GEN 5			
Directive / Regulation	Conformity Assessment Procedure / Module / Article	Essential Characteristics	Specification
Construction Products Regulation 2011 (retained EU law EUR 305/2011) as amended by the Construction Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the Construction Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Horizontal Approval Annex V.3 Testing Laboratory	Reaction to fire	BS EN 13823: 2020 BS EN ISO 1182: 2020 BS EN ISO 1716: 2018 BS EN ISO 11925-2: 2020

Accreditation for the purpose of Notified Body Activity relating to the Northern Ireland market (CE + UKNI) taking into account EA-2/17			
Directive / Regulation	Conformity Assessment Procedure / Module / Article	Essential Characteristics	Specification

Construction Products Regulation 2011 (retained EU law EUR 305/2011) as amended by the Construction Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the Construction Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Horizontal Notification Annex V.3 Testing Laboratory	Reaction to fire	BS EN 13823: 2020 BS EN ISO 1182: 2020 BS EN ISO 1716: 2018 BS EN ISO 11925-2: 2020
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