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NEW PRACTISING LICENCE REFRESHER COURSE PRESCRIPTIONS

Dear

On 16 October 2006 an industry meeting was convened to discuss the Electrical Workers Registration Board's practising licence refresher course dated 26 June 2006 and on 12 February 2007 the Board released a report on the meeting which had been prepared by an independent facilitator.

The independent facilitator's report was sent to all persons who attended the meeting and to all persons who made written submissions on the practising licence refresher course.

Also on 12 February 2007 the Board released its response to the independent facilitator's report and advised that it intended to produce practising licence refresher course prescriptions for the electrical service technician and line mechanic categories of practising licences.

In accordance with the 12 February 2007 advice the Board has now produced practising licence refresher course prescriptions for:

- electrical service technician level "A"; and
- electrical service technician level "B"; and
- line mechanic; and
- electrician/electrical inspector.

The new practising licence refresher course prescriptions for the electrical service technician and line mechanic categories of practising licences are

based on the practising licence refresher course dated 26 June 2006 and, apart from minor alterations, the prescription for the electrician/electrical inspector categories of practising licences is the same as the 26 June 2006 document.

I have attached a copy of the new practising licence refresher course prescriptions and as the Board considers the prescriptions “living documents” any comment you may wish to make on the prescriptions would be welcome at any time. The Board will review the documents from time to time and any comments received would be fully considered when a review takes place.

The prescriptions are available for viewing on the Board’s website at www.ewrb.govt.nz as is the above mentioned independent facilitator’s report.

Please note that the introduction of the prescriptions:

- (a) does not alter any advice I have issued on whether or not presently offered practising licence refresher courses satisfy the Board’s criteria; and
- (b) means that the Board’s practising licence refresher course dated 26 June 2006 has been superseded and should be replaced by the attached prescriptions.

I trust you find the Board’s practising licence refresher course prescriptions of assistance however if you require any further information or clarification on the documents please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

John Sickels
Registrar