

## **VIC Trials of GT's Premium Roadmarking Materials**

In the August/September 2008 issue of The Roadmarker, we introduced the launch of GT's Premium Roadmarking Material.

Trials have been carried out in Victoria as part of a Performance-Based Contract. GT's Premium Extrusion Thermoplastic and Premium Cold Applied Plastic were trialled and initial readings were excellent. All parties were impressed with the results of the trials with reports from the applicators that GT's Premium Cold Applied Plastic was the best they had ever used.

This presents an exciting forecast of the performance expected from GT's premium range of roadmarking materials not only for this contract but also for GT's other customers.

GT Industries' design and development team has been developing a new range of Premium Roadmarking Materials and has been sourcing suppliers of premium quality raw materials locally and worldwide to give their customers a choice in product quality.

### **GT Industries NATA Audit**

As part of the company's quality management, GT Industries was recently audited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

GT's laboratory has been NATA accredited since 2002 and have had regular audit visits by NATA to ensure that quality standards of its testing laboratory are maintained.

NATA accreditation gives testing facilities a benchmark to maintain. While many facilities operate in isolation to their peers and rarely receive independent technical evaluation, regular NATA audits check all aspects of operations related to consistent production of accurate data.

GT Industries uses NATA accreditation to ensure the testing of their own products by their own laboratory is being done correctly.

NATA accreditation also presents as a marketing tool as it is assurance of independently verified facilities.

Contracts for government agencies such as the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW and the Department of Main Roads Queensland often require NATA accreditation.

The Australian Paint Approvals Scheme also requires NATA accreditation of quality control laboratories of recognised manufacturing units.

These organisations have recognised that NATA accreditation equates to a certain level of competence of the testing facilities and GT Industries has been able to participate in these contracts and schemes because of its NATA accredited laboratory.

A NATA auditor and a technical advisor visited GT Industries factory and laboratory and conducted a thorough audit of the laboratories technical operations. The initial audit report received was very positive. The 18-monthly audits help GT to ensure that a good standard of laboratory competence is continually maintained.



## **GT Industries Welcomes a New Face**

GT Industries research and development team has welcomed a new chemist, Magdy Nakhla. He brings to GT a wealth of knowledge and is well experienced in the surface coatings industry.

GT looks forward to the contribution that Magdy will make to the company.

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