

New directions for **ENERSOL**

I have pleasure in presenting ENERSOL's new image and vision to all of our clients, friends and associates. We are updating many things, and would like to introduce:

Our new logo

Our new logo signifies a commitment to on-going improvement and quality. The name "ENERSOL Consulting Engineers" will be phased out, in favour of the simpler "ENERSOL". Consulting services will naturally continue to be available for a wide area of medical device testing and manufacture.

Website

Our new, user-friendly website which is easy to read and attractive. <http://www.enersol.com.au>

Brochure

Our new brochure, promoting our syringe testing equipment as part of our range of testing machines.

Management

Our strengthened management team includes Prasanna De Silva, General Manager; Qing Tan, Engineering Manager; Grace Iskander, Laboratory Manager; Maree Stuart, Quality Manager and Yuner Huang, our new software engineer.

Mission

Our broadened mission: to serve the medical device industry through the provision of innovative testing equipment and the highest quality of testing services, as illustrated by our syringe testing equipment.

Vision

Our vision to develop progressively into a significant contributor to the wider medical device industry, while continuing as a leader in the area of condoms and gloves.

I thank all our existing clients for their past and continuing business, and look forward to serving them and a wider range of organisations in the future.

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Yulex and USDA look to increase the yield of guayule

A two year research and development agreement has been reached between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Yulex Corp. The agreement is to increase the rubber latex yield of guayule, a south western desert shrub.

Yulex and USDA scientists will work on the transformation of existing high-yield guayule strains with rubber biosynthesis genes. According to Yulex the efforts of the cooperative agreement is to make guayule more competitive in the medical field against Hevea rubber latex.

Your contributions are welcome...

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ENERSOL at Medica 2006

Medica is the world's premier Health and Medical exhibition. The 2006 exhibition will be held from November 15th to November 18th at the Düsseldorf Trade Fair Centre Messeplatz, 4074 Düsseldorf, Germany. The Medica exhibition attracted 4,012 exhibitors from 62 nations and around 140,000 trade visitors last year.

ENERSOL will be exhibiting as part of the Innovation Australia pavilion in the Hall of Electro medicine / Medical Technology. Show hours are 10:00am to 6:30pm Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th November and 10:00am to 5:00pm Saturday 18th November.

You are invited to visit us in Hall 17, stand A 57/5 – part of the Innovation Australia Pavilion

To organise a meeting with ENERSOL, you can contact our General Manager, Mr. Prasanna De Silva pdesilva@enersol.com.au or visit our stand during the exhibition.

For more information about Innovation Australia <http://www.innovationaustralia.com.au/>

Brazil condom samples held in customs again

Brazilian labs who wanted to participate in our interlab trial of condom testing laboratories have not been able to get their samples delivered from Customs.

Enersol couriered the samples to the labs in mid August, but they have been held up due to Brazilian regulations. Brazilian labs started participating in these trials in 1998. Problems first emerged in 2004, although the samples were released after a couple of weeks. In 2005, the delay was much longer, while this year, over two months have gone by, and there is no indication that they will ever be released. In any case, it will probably be too late for labs in Brazil to participate.

Brazil's ANVISA now requires that all imported condoms have an import licence and that all imported batches be imported by a licenced importer, who engages an independent body to choose a testing lab, which must test a sample of the imported product.

It is now insisting on applying these rules to the small boxes of about 1000 condoms, specifically addressed to condom factories or testing labs. While some vigilance in connection with the several hundred million condoms a year that Brazil imports is understandable, it seems extraordinary to try to use the same approach on samples destined purely for destructive testing.

Condoms prevent the transmission of STIs. The interlab trial helps labs ensure that their testing is reliable. In the field of HIV, Brazil led the world in making anti-retrovirals available to anyone who needed them. It is unfortunate that it cannot extend the same foresight to prevention of infection, by letting testing labs undertake this proficiency assessment, in the same way that virtually all other countries do. Strangely, Brazil's accreditation body, INMETRO, requires such participation.