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Dear Valued Customer,

Re Acceptance Criteria for Samples Submitted for Assessment

Please note that the Testing & Industrial Service (TIS) Branch laboratories have established acceptance criteria for specimens submitted for testing based on international standards. These criteria ensure the results of our assessments are consistent with best practices and provide you with reliable information that can be used to make critical decisions. As a result, samples not meeting these predetermined requirements will not be accepted for conducting **standard tests**.

Rejection of Specimen

If customers submit specimens that do not meet the standard acceptance requirements the BSJ reserves the right to reject the specimen. Reasons for rejection of specimen may include, but are not limited to:

- I. Significant honeycombing of concrete
- II. Dimensions of the sample do not conform to standard requirements
- III. The shape of the samples does not conform to standard requirements

Non-Standard Tests

If the BSJ agrees to accept a customer's specimen that does not meet the standard acceptance requirements the BSJ test report will clearly indicate that the specimen was tested using a **non-standard test** method. This will be communicated to customers before accepting their job for an agreement to proceed to be made.

Adjustments of Test Specimens

Where test specimens do not conform to standard acceptance requirements but can be adjusted to meet the specifications the BSJ may offer this service to the customer at a separate cost from the costs to test the specimen.

Best Regards,

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