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Standardization Working Group Round Robin RIC 2010

Thank you for your interest in the recent round robin of the Standardization WG.

Following from the results of the previous RIC 2008 round robin with rather unsatisfactory results especially with the vitrinite maceral sub-groups this exercise is designed to tackle this problem. Images of the same sample as in RIC 2008 are distributed. Each image contains various circles and analysts are asked to identify the maceral sub-groups accordingly and report them to the attached report sheet. This should make sure that we all are identifying exactly the same macerals.

The round robin sample is a Permian bituminous coal from Queensland (Australia) of medium rank b-c (according to ISO 11760, formerly also known as high volatile bituminous coal). The sample is from Gregory, Bowen Basin, German Creek Formation of late Permian (German Creek Seam).

Please report Telvitrinite (TV), Detrovitrinite (DV) and Gelovitrinite (GV) and the very few others I marked, mainly to keep you awake during the exercise, in the attached Excel spread sheet.

Please comment freely and send your result back by early 2011 to the attached e-mail address.

Looking forward to your results.

With best wishes

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