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## PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia, SPIA Collaborate to Offer Testing, Certification of Ceramic Tiles for Philippine Market

**Bekasi, West Java, Indonesia (Aug. 9, 2021)** — PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia and SPIA Product Conformity Audit Services, Inc. (SPIA) are pleased to announce a collaboration in which they will provide the only testing and certification service in Indonesia for ceramic tile manufacturers looking to enter the Philippine market.

PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia's testing laboratory was recently approved by the Department of Trade and Industry — Bureau of Philippine Standards to test ceramic tiles to standard PNS ISO 13006:2019, making it the only laboratory in Indonesia to attain such recognition. The recognition was achieved in collaboration with SPIA. PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia will conduct the testing and audit services, and SPIA will provide the certification service.

Ceramic tiles must be certified to be sold in the Philippines in accordance with the Department of Trade and Industry Memorandum Circular 21-12 and Department Administrative Order 20-09, and previously only laboratories in the Philippines and China had been recognized to perform this testing. The recognition will make it easier for manufacturers already certifying their ceramic tiles with PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia for sale in Indonesia to achieve certification to enter the Philippine market.

"We are pleased that through our collaboration with SPIA, we can offer a one-stop solution for the ceramic tile industry to enter the Philippine market," said PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia Senior Vice President Shirley Dewi.

SPIA Product Conformity Audit Services Inc. is a recognized third-party inspection and auditing body and testing laboratory of the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) in the Philippines, which shares the mandate of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to ensure only quality products are sold in the Philippine market and reduce the risk and hazard that substandard products pose to the consumers. SPIA operates in accordance with applicable national laws and regulations, international standards, regulatory principles and industry association schemes. It aims to help both the government and businesses to top and bolster their momentum to achieve sustainable development through its commitment to providing prompt and exceedingly high-quality service. For more information about SPIA, visit <a href="https://spia.com.ph/">https://spia.com.ph/</a>.

"We are very excited with this collaboration. SPIA is committed to ensuring that this collaboration with PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia will exceed the needs and expectations of the customers," said Mr. Aldrin Rufa, vice president of SPIA Product Conformity Audit Services., Inc.

PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia's services include testing, inspection, certification, and training covering building materials, plumbing equipment, raw materials, and food equipment (flatware/cookware) for the Indonesian market, and testing for international markets such as Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, Malaysia, Kenya, and the Philippines. For more details about PT. IAPMO Group Indonesia's services, please visit <u>www.iapmoindonesia.org</u>.

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