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Publisher's Note

We regret to announce the retirement of Professor Lin as Editor from 1 February 2005. We would like to thank him sincerely for his contribution to the Journal and wish him well with all future plans. Professor Lin will continue to handle manuscripts already in process until the end of July 2005.

We are pleased to announce that Professor Joo Hwa Tay has accepted our invitation to succeed Professor Lin as an Editor of *Journal of Hazardous Materials* and wish Professor Tay much success in this new position.

Professor Tay currently holds the positions of Head of the Division of Environmental and Water Resources Engineering and Director of the Institute of Environmental Science and Engineering at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Professor Tay began his academic career at the National Taiwan University before moving to North America, where he was awarded the MSc in Water Resources and Hydraulics Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and PhD in Environmental Engineering from the University of Toronto, Ontario. Waste recycling and reuse and hazardous waste management are included in Professor Tay's research interests. His research also involves biotechnological applications of wastewater treatment, membrane filtration technology and advanced oxidation process technology. In addition to his research activities, Professor Tay is active as a consultant on environmental management issues in the Asia-Pacific region. In the last 5 years, he has designed some 20 treatment facilities for water and wastewater management.

Professor Tay has published in excess of 400 papers in peer reviewed journals and conference proceedings and is a member of a number of scientific societies including the Water Environment Federation and International Association on Water Quality.

Articles may be submitted to Professor Tay from 1 January 2005 using the Journal's online submission system: http://www.elsubmit.com/esubmit/hazmat

Although online submission is preferred, hard copy manuscripts may also be submitted to Professor Tay at the following address:

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