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Dear Melanie

Please find below the results of the analyses of the atmospheric mercury samples collected in November/December 2009.

| HSL Sample no. | Sample<br>details | Building          | Room             | Concentration of mercury in air (µg/m³) |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 09109/09       | passive 1         | Museum            | B55              | 1.2                                     |
| 09110/09       | passive 2         | Museum            | B56              | 1.5                                     |
| 09111/09       | passive 3         | Museum            | B58              | 1.9                                     |
| 09129/09       | pumped 1a         | Museum            | B58              | 3.4                                     |
| 09130/09       | pumped 1b         | Museum            | B58              | 4.0                                     |
| 09112/09       | passive 4         | Museum            | B61              | 0.1                                     |
| 09113/09       | passive 5         | Museum            | B62              | 2.6                                     |
| 09114/09       | passive 6         | Museum            | G53              | 2.9                                     |
| 09115/09       | passive 7         | Museum            | G54              | 11.0                                    |
| 09116/09       | passive 8         | Psychology annexe | 1.31             | 3.0                                     |
| 09120/09       | passive 12        | Psychology annexe | 1.38             | 1.3                                     |
| 09119/09       | passive 11        | Psychology annexe | 1.39             | 5.3                                     |
| 09117/09       | passive 9         | Psychology annexe | 1.40             | 0.6                                     |
| 09118/09       | passive 10        | Psychology annexe | 1.41B            | 4.2                                     |
| 09133/09       | pumped 3a         | Psychology annexe | 1.41B            | 7.6                                     |
| 09134/09       | pumped 3b         | Psychology annexe | 1.41B            | 7.5                                     |
| 09121/09       | passive 13        | Rutherford        | 2.057            | 0.4                                     |
| 09122/09       | passive 14        | Rutherford        | 2.058            | 3.4                                     |
| 9131/09        | pumped 2a         | Rutherford        | 2.058            | 6.0                                     |
| 9132/09        | pumped 2b         | Rutherford        | 2.058            | 5.1                                     |
| 09123/09       | passive 15        | Rutherford        | 2.059            | 0.6                                     |
| 09124-8/09     | 5 blanks          |                   | <0.01 μg mass Hg | <0.03                                   |

I also include on the following pages some tables showing all the data gathered by both passive and pumped sorbent sampling thus far.

It is a bit early to be drawing conclusions, but it is interesting to note that most of the repeat samples either agree quite well or are within a factor of 2 of earlier results. This comment would also apply to the correlation between the fortnight's passive sampling and the shorter-term pumped samples.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Easterbrook

## Tables of all monitoring data:

| HSL Sample<br>number | Date      | Sample ref.<br>No. | Sample locations: <u>Rutherford Building</u> Room no: | Concentration<br>mercury in air<br>(µg/m³) |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|--|
| 03754/09             | June 2009 | 4                  | G055  | 1.6  |
| 03755/09             | June 2009 | 5                  | G056  | 0.3  |
| 03753/09             | June 2009 | 3                  | G057  | < 0.2                                      |
| 03751/09             | June 2009 | 1                  | G058  | < 0.2                                      |
| 03752/09             | June 2009 | 2                  | G058A   | < 0.2                                      |
| 03760/09             | June 2009 | 10                 | 1.051   | 0.2  |
| 03759/09             | June 2009 | 9                  | 1.052   | 0.6  |
| 03758/09             | June 2009 | 8                  | 1.053   | <0.2                                       |
| 03757/09             | June 2009 | 7                  | 1.057   | 0.4  |
| 03756/09             | June 2009 | 6                  | 1.058   | 0.4  |
| 03771/09             | June 2009 | 21                 | 2.051 by door to stairs                               | 0.6  |
| 03772/09             | June 2009 | 22                 | 2.051 on desk partition                               | 0.5  |
| 03773/09             | June 2009 | 23                 | 2.051B  | 0.4  |
| 03767/09             | June 2009 | 17                 | 2.052 on notice board                                 | 0.9  |
| 03768/09             | June 2009 | 18                 | 2.052A on widow opener nr. desk                       | 2.0  |
| 03766/09             | June 2009 | 16                 | 2.052B on in-tray                                     | 0.8  |
| 03764/09             | June 2009 | 14                 | 2.053   | 0.7  |
| 03763/09             | June 2009 | 13                 | 2.054   | 0.3  |
| 03762/09             | June 2009 | 12                 | 2.057   | 0.9  |
| 09121/09             | Dec 09    | passive 13         | 2.057   | 0.4  |
| 03761/09             | June 2009 | 11                 | 2.058   | 6.3  |
| 09122/09             | Dec 09    | passive 14         | 2.058   | 3.4  |
| 9131/09              | Dec 09    | pumped 2a          | 2.058 – 24-hr   | 6.0  |
| 9132/09              | Dec 09    | pumped 2b          | 2.058 – 8-hr  | 5.1  |
| 03765/09             | June 2009 | 15                 | 2.059   | 0.6  |
| 09123/09             | Dec 09    | passive 15         | 2.059   | 0.6  |
| 03774/09             | June 2009 | 24                 | 3.2   | 0.5  |
| 03776/09             | June 2009 | 26                 | 3.4   | 0.9  |
| 03769/09             | June 2009 | 19                 | 3.5   | 1.2  |
| 03775/09             | June 2009 | 25                 | 3.1 (MA001.A)   | 0.5  |

| HSL Sample number | Date      | Sample ref.<br>No. | Sample location: Psychology Annexe Room no: | Concentration<br>mercury in air<br>(µg/m³) |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|--|
| 03855/09          | June 2009 | 105                | Common room                                 | <0.2                                       |
| 03854/09          | June 2009 | 104                | Servery in common room                      | <0.2                                       |
| 03778/09          | June 2009 | 28                 | G30   | <0.2                                       |
| 03779/09          | June 2009 | 29                 | G32   | <0.2                                       |
| 03858/09          | June 2009 | 108                | G34   | < 0.2                                      |
| 03859/09          | June 2009 | 109                | G35   | < 0.2                                      |
| 03856/09          | June 2009 | 106                | G36   | < 0.2                                      |
| 03857/09          | June 2009 | 107                | G37   | < 0.2                                      |
| 03781/09          | June 2009 | 31                 | H16   | < 0.2                                      |
| 03780/09          | June 2009 | 30                 | H17   | <0.2                                       |
| 03782/09          | June 2009 | 32                 | H18   | <0.2                                       |
| 03783/09          | June 2009 | 33                 | H22   | 0.3  |
| 03784/09          | June 2009 | 34                 | H23   | 1.5  |
| 03786/09          | June 2009 | 36                 | H24 (room off corridor)                     | 0.4  |
| 03785/09          | June 2009 | 35                 | H24 (room with external wall)               | 0.5  |
| 03787/09          | June 2009 | 37                 | Downstairs H24a                             | 0.4  |
| 03788/09          | June 2009 | 38                 | H24C  | 0.3  |
| 03789/09          | June 2009 | 39                 | H25   | 0.3  |
| 03790/09          | June 2009 | 40                 | H27   | 0.3  |
| 03853/09          | June 2009 | 103                | H28   | 0.3  |
| 03851/09          | June 2009 | 101                | H28 (1)                                     | <0.2                                       |
| 03852/09          | June 2009 | 102                | H28 (2)                                     | 0.2  |
| 03845/09          | June 2009 | 95                 | Pear lecture theatre 1.26 Front             | <0.2                                       |
| 03846/09          | June 2009 | 96                 | Pear lecture theatre<br>1.26 Rear           | <0.2                                       |
| 03843/09          | June 2009 | 93                 | 1.29  | < 0.2                                      |
| 03847/09          | June 2009 | 97                 | 1.31  | 2.5  |
| 09116/09          | Dec 09    | passive 8          | 1.31  | 3.0  |
| 03848/09          | June 2009 | 98                 | 1.32  | < 0.2                                      |
| 03869/09          | June 2009 | 119                | 1.33  | < 0.2                                      |
| 03850/09          | June 2009 | 100                | 1.34  | <0.2                                       |
| 03849/09          | June 2009 | 99                 | 1.35  | 0.3  |
| 03867/09          | June 2009 | 117                | 1.36  | 0.5  |
| 03861/09          | June 2009 | 111                | 1.37  | 0.5  |
| 03862/09          | June 2009 | 112                | 1.38  | 0.9  |
| 09120/09          | Dec 09    | passive 12         | 1.38  | 1.3  |
| 03863/09          | June 2009 | 113                | 1.39  | 9.3  |
| 09119/09          | Dec 09    | passive 11         | 1.39  | 5.3  |
| 03844/09          | June 2009 | 94                 | 1.30.                                       | <0.2                                       |
| 03864/09          | June 2009 | 114                | 1.40.                                       | 0.5  |
| 09117/09          | Dec 09    | passive 9          | 1.40  | 0.6  |
| 03866/09          | June 2009 | 116                | 1.41  | 2.2  |

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|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|--|--|
| 03865/09          | June 2009 | 115                | 1.41A  | 2.2  |
| 03868/09          | June 2009 | 118                | 1.41B  | 3.8  |
| 09118/09          | Dec 09    | passive 10         | 1.41B  | 4.2  |
| 09133/09          | Dec 09    | pumped 3a          | 1.41B - 24-hr                                      | 7.6  |
| 09134/09          | Dec 09    | pumped 3b          | 1.41B – 8-hr                                       | 7.5  |

| HSL Sample number | Date      | Sample ref.<br>No. | Sample location: <u>Museum Building</u> Room no:- | Concentration mercury in air (µg/m³) |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 3805/09           | June 2009 | 55                 | B17   | < 0.2                                |
| 03804/09          | June 2009 | 54                 | B18   | < 0.2                                |
| 03803/09          | June 2009 | 53                 | B21   | 0.2                                  |
| 03802/09          | June 2009 | 52                 | B26   | < 0.2                                |
| 03809/09          | June 2009 | 59                 | B27   | < 0.2                                |
| 03808/09          | June 2009 | 58                 | B29   | < 0.2                                |
| 03807/09          | June 2009 | 57                 | B36   | < 0.2                                |
| 03806/09          | June 2009 | 56                 | B39   | < 0.2                                |
| 03791/09          | June 2009 | 41                 | B55   | 0.3                                  |
| 09109/09          | Dec 09    | passive 1          | B55   | 1.2                                  |
| 03792/09          | June 2009 | 42                 | B56   | 7.5                                  |
| 09110/09          | Dec 09    | passive 2          | B56   | 1.5                                  |
| 09111/09          | Dec 09    | passive 3          | B58   | 1.9                                  |
| 9129/09           | Dec 09    | pumped 1a          | B58 – 24-hr                                       | 3.44                                 |
| 9130/09           | Dec 09    | pumped 1b          | B58 – 8-hr  | 4.00                                 |
| 03795/09          | June 2009 | 45                 | B61   | 0.2                                  |
| 09112/09          | Dec 09    | passive 4          | B61   | 0.1                                  |
| 03796/09          | June 2009 | 46                 | B62   | 5.4                                  |
| 09113/09          | Dec 09    | passive 5          | B62   | 2.6                                  |
| 03797/09          | June 2009 | 47                 | B63   | 1.1                                  |
| 03799/09          | June 2009 | 49                 | B65   | < 0.2                                |
| 03798/09          | June 2009 | 48                 | B68   | 0.3                                  |
| 03794/09          | June 2009 | 44                 | B110  | 1.0                                  |
| 03801/09          | June 2009 | 51                 | ex 114 Workshop system                            | <0.2                                 |
| 03800/09          | June 2009 | 50                 | ex 116  | <0.2                                 |
| 03813/09          | June 2009 | 63                 | G8  | <0.2                                 |
| 03812/09          | June 2009 | 62                 | G13, end adj loading bay                          | <0.2                                 |
| 03811/09          | June 2009 | 61                 | G18   | 0.3                                  |
| 03810/09          | June 2009 | 60                 | G23   | < 0.2                                |
| 03814/09          | June 2009 | 64                 | G52   | 0.9                                  |
| 03815/09          | June 2009 | 65                 | G53   | 1.9                                  |
| 09114/09          | Dec 09    | passive 6          | G53   | 2.9                                  |
| 03816/09          | June 2009 | 66                 | G54   | 4                                    |

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|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 09115/09          | Dec 09    | passive 7          | G54   | 11.0                                 |
| 03825/09          | June 2009 | 75                 | 1.2   | < 0.2                                |
| 03817/09          | June 2009 | 67                 | 1.8   | < 0.2                                |
| 03820/09          | June 2009 | 70                 | 1.10.   | < 0.2                                |
| 03821/09          | June 2009 | 71                 | 1.11  | 0.5                                  |
| 03822/09          | June 2009 | 72                 | 1.13  | 0.4                                  |
| 03823/09          | June 2009 | 73                 | 1.14  | < 0.2                                |
| 03830/09          | June 2009 | 80                 | 1.15  | < 0.2                                |
| 03824/09          | June 2009 | 74                 | 1.17  | < 0.2                                |
| 03826/09          | June 2009 | 76                 | 1.22  | < 0.2                                |
| 03827/09          | June 2009 | 77                 | 1.26  | < 0.2                                |
| 03828/09          | June 2009 | 78                 | 1.28  | < 0.2                                |
| 03819/09          | June 2009 | 69                 | 1.50 (?)  | 1.6                                  |
| 03818/09          | June 2009 | 68                 | 1.52  | 0.6                                  |
| 02040/00          | Y 2000    | 0.0                | 2.11  | 0.2                                  |
| 03840/09          | June 2009 | 90                 | 2.11  | <0.2                                 |
| 03841/09          | June 2009 | 91                 | 2.13  | < 0.2                                |
| 03833/09          | June 2009 | 83                 | 2.17  | <0.2                                 |
| 03832/09          | June 2009 | 82                 | 2.18  | < 0.2                                |
| 03831/09          | June 2009 | 81                 | 2.19  | < 0.2                                |
| 03834/09          | June 2009 | 84                 | 2.20.   | < 0.2                                |
| 03835/09          | June 2009 | 85                 | 2.27  | < 0.2                                |
| 03836/09          | June 2009 | 86                 | 2.32  | < 0.2                                |
| 03837/09          | June 2009 | 87                 | 2.36  | < 0.2                                |
| 03838/09          | June 2009 | 88                 | 2.37  | < 0.2                                |
| 03839/09          | June 2009 | 89                 | 2.39  | < 0.2                                |