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PS88 Report

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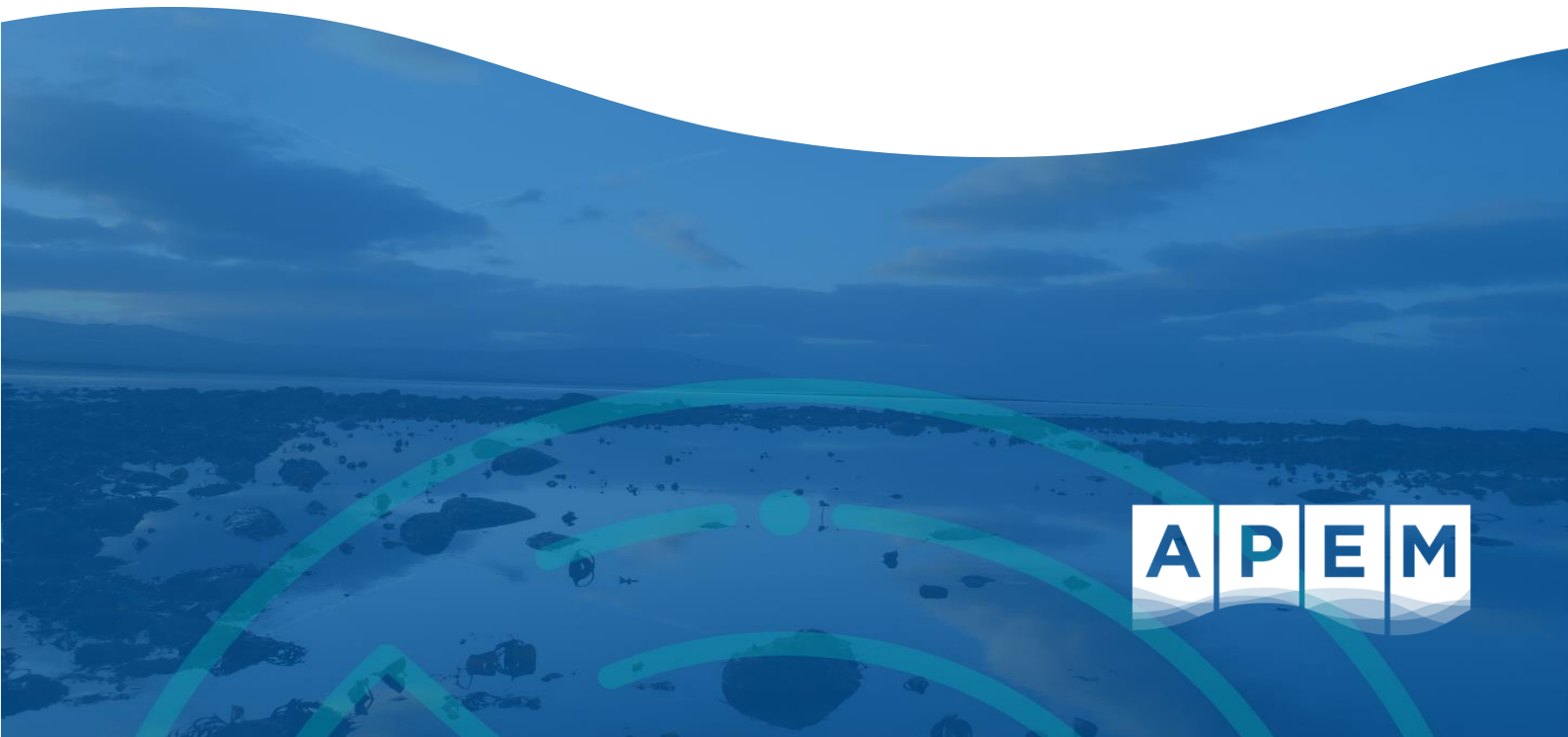

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"-" – no data submitted.

1. BENCHMARK DATA

Table 1 Summary data for the Benchmark replicates distributed as PS88.

Sample	Method	% Gravel	% Sand	% Mud	Sediment Description
PSA_3036 BM REP 1	NMBAQC	64.81	32.93	2.26	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3037 BM REP2	NMBAQC	63.51	33.95	2.54	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3038 BM REP 3	NMBAQC	63.77	33.67	2.56	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3039 BM REP 4	NMBAQC	64.08	33.59	2.33	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3040 BM REP 5	NMBAQC	63.75	33.99	2.26	Sandy Gravel
BM Rep Average	NMBAQC	63.98	33.63	2.39	Sandy Gravel

Table 2 Summary of the sieve data the Benchmark replicates distributed as PS88.

Phi Interval; microns		PSA_3036 BM REP 1	PSA_3037 BM REP2	PSA_3038 BM REP 3	PSA_3039 BM REP 4	PSA_3040 BM REP 5	BM Rep Average
-6.50 to -6.00; 63 mm		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-6.00 to -5.50; 45 mm		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-5.50 to -5.00; 31.5		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-5.00 to -4.50; 22.4		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-4.50 to -4.00; 16 mm		0.00	16.39	11.53	0.00	0.00	5.58
-4.00 to -3.50; 11.2		128.94	113.45	118.82	116.27	121.13	119.72
-3.50 to -3.00; 8 mm		119.38	102.43	99.51	114.63	112.38	109.67
-3.00 to -2.50; 5.6 mm		102.08	98.99	99.28	106.55	94.23	100.23
-2.50 to -2.00; 4 mm		93.32	100.04	95.52	94.25	99.85	96.60
-2.00 to -1.50; 2.8 mm		104.56	102.24	105.80	103.18	100.00	103.16
-1.50 to -1.00; 2 mm		112.30	111.11	107.33	107.67	113.02	110.29
-1.00 to -0.50; 1.4 mm		45.72	43.43	46.67	43.86	45.36	45.01
-0.50 to 0.00; 1.0 mm		13.82	17.82	13.75	14.07	15.52	15.00
>1.0mm		720.12	705.90	698.21	700.48	701.49	705.24
<1.0mm	Base Pan	5.48	6.93	5.04	4.58	6.10	5.63
	Oven dried	293.72	302.24	296.95	297.69	297.33	297.59
Total Weight		1019.32	1015.07	1000.20	1002.75	1004.92	1008.45

Table 3 Summary of the final laser data for the Benchmark replicates distributed as PS88.

Phi Interval; microns	PSA_3036 BM REP 1	PSA_3037 BM REP2	PSA_3038 BM REP 3	PSA_3039 BM REP 4	PSA_3040 BM REP 5	BM Rep Average
0.00 to 0.50; (707 µm)	1.98	2.32	3.05	3.22	2.20	2.55
0.50 to 1.00; (500 µm)	2.85	2.93	3.44	3.35	2.86	3.09
1.00 to 1.50; (353.6 µm)	5.74	6.10	6.38	6.32	6.00	6.11
1.50 to 2.00; (250 µm)	13.95	13.63	13.65	13.96	13.69	13.78
2.00 to 2.50; (176.8 µm)	28.85	28.76	28.28	28.71	29.41	28.80
2.50 to 3.00; (125 µm)	26.46	26.14	25.33	25.58	26.66	26.04
3.00 to 3.50; (88.39 µm)	9.75	9.25	8.88	8.77	9.20	9.17
3.50 to 4.00; (62.5 µm)	2.71	2.52	2.50	2.38	2.49	2.52
4.00 to 4.50; (44.19 µm)	0.96	0.98	0.93	0.87	0.86	0.92
4.50 to 5.00; (31.25 µm)	0.65	0.73	0.73	0.65	0.63	0.68
5.00 to 5.50; (22.097 µm)	0.54	0.67	0.68	0.59	0.55	0.61
5.50 to 6.00; (15.625 µm)	0.56	0.62	0.61	0.53	0.49	0.56
6.00 to 6.50; (11.049 µm)	0.63	0.72	0.72	0.64	0.58	0.66
6.50 to 7.00; (7.813 µm)	0.61	0.70	0.68	0.62	0.58	0.63
7.00 to 7.50; (5.524 µm)	0.62	0.71	0.72	0.65	0.61	0.66
7.50 to 8.00; (3.906 µm)	0.60	0.68	0.71	0.64	0.60	0.65
8.00 to 8.50; (2.762 µm)	0.47	0.52	0.55	0.50	0.48	0.50
8.50 to 9.00; (1.953 µm)	0.38	0.39	0.43	0.40	0.39	0.40
9.00 to 9.50; (1.381 µm)	0.37	0.37	0.42	0.38	0.38	0.38
9.50 to 10.00; (0.977 µm)	0.36	0.36	0.40	0.37	0.37	0.37
10.00 to 10.50; (0.691 µm)	0.30	0.29	0.32	0.30	0.30	0.30
10.50 to 11.00; (0.488 µm)	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.22
11.00 to 11.50; (0.345 µm)	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.15
11.50 to 12.00; (0.244 µm)	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10
12.00 to 12.50; (0.173 µm)	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06
12.50 to 13.00; (0.122 µm)	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
13.00 to 13.50; (0.086 µm)	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02
13.50 to 14.00; (0.061 µm)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
14.00 to 14.50; (0.043 µm)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
>14.50; (0.01 µm)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Mean	183.03	183.95	187.39	190.42	185.92	186.11
Sorting	2.20	2.28	2.38	2.28	2.18	2.27
Skewness	-0.22	-0.23	-0.21	-0.18	-0.21	-0.21
Kurtosis	2.27	2.39	2.40	2.29	2.29	2.35
Mode	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal
Primary Mode	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4

Table 4 Summary of Coefficient of Variation for Benchmark laser replicates for PS88.

		PSA_3036 BM REP 1	PSA_3037 BM REP2	PSA_3038 BM REP 3	PSA_3039 BM REP 4	PSA_3040 BM REP 5	BM Rep Average
D_{10}	Sub-sample 1	1.58	2.85	1.01	1.82	0.38	1.58
	Sub-sample 2	1.35	1.48	2.23	0.28	0.37	1.35
	Sub-sample 3	1.83	4.02	0.71	1.78	1.39	1.83
D_{50}	Sub-sample 1	0.25	0.22	0.45	0.21	0.11	0.25
	Sub-sample 2	0.11	0.04	0.05	0.16	0.13	0.11
	Sub-sample 3	0.12	0.26	0.26	0.12	0.34	0.12
D_{90}	Sub-sample 1	1.66	1.80	2.40	1.88	0.79	1.66
	Sub-sample 2	0.92	0.92	1.52	1.18	1.18	0.92
	Sub-sample 3	1.06	0.90	1.28	1.36	1.51	1.06

$$COV = \left(\frac{StDev}{Mean}\right) * 100$$

ISO 133020 defines good reproducibility when: COV is <3% for D50

COV is <5% for D10 and D90

All limits double when the D50 is <10microns.

In reality 3% and 5% are low and greater variability is expected for natural sediment samples therefore a maximum of 20% (based on three replicates being measured) will be used as a guide.

The Benchmark replicates show good reproducibility.

Table 5 Laser Metadata for the Benchmark replicates for PS88.

	Benchmark Lab
Laser used: Dispersion Unit:	Beckman Coulter LS 13320 Universal Liquid Module
Analysis model: Dispersion Used Particle Refractive Index Particle Absorption Index: Fines extension	Mie Water (RI – 1.33) 1.55 0.1 PIDS system
Obscuration	10%
Pump Speed (% or rpm) Stirrer speed (% or rpm) Ultrasonic duration Ultrasonic level	80% n/a 20 2

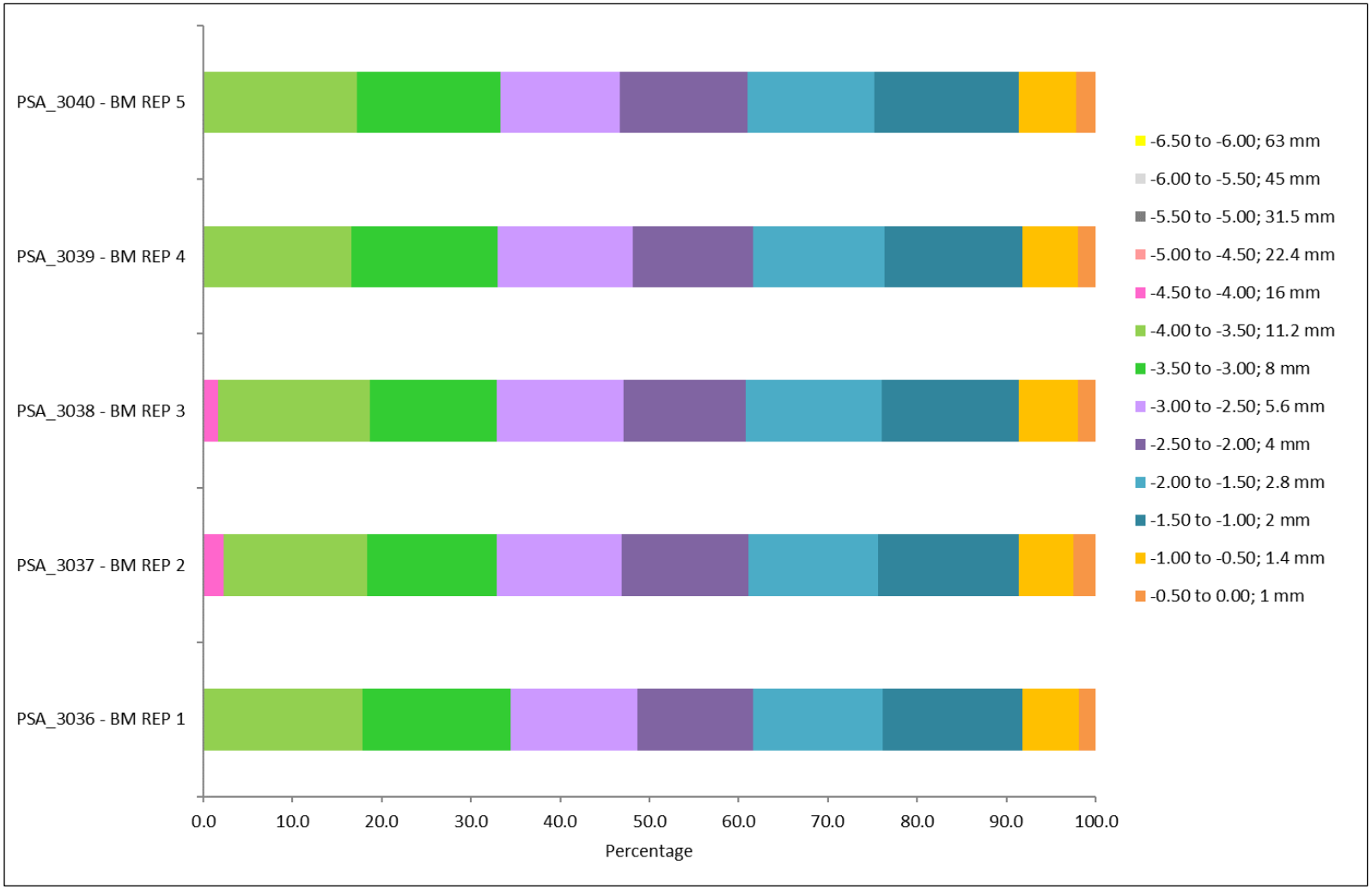


Figure 1 Bar chart showing the Benchmark sieve data with percentage of sediment in each size category for sediment distributed as PS88.

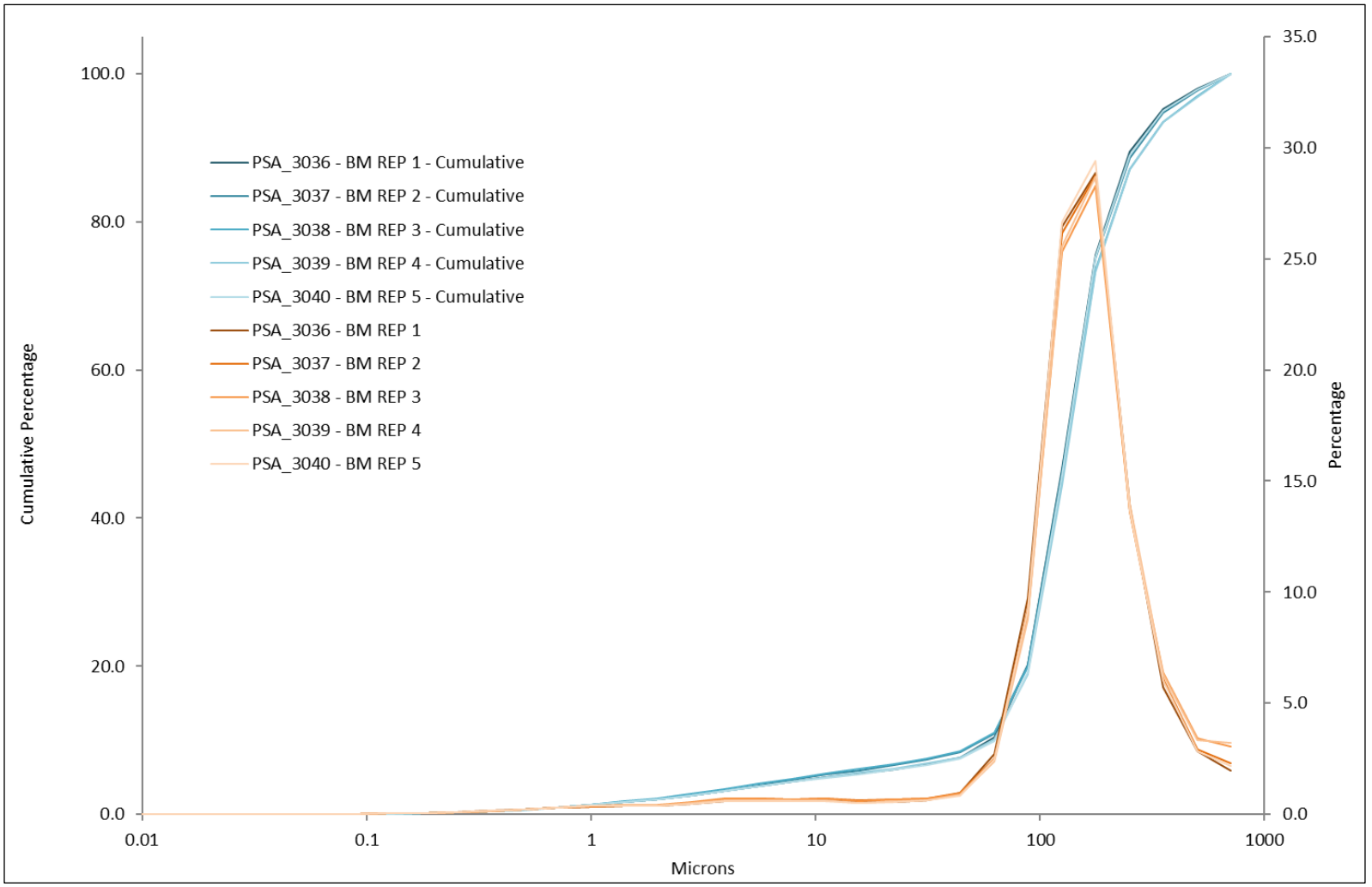


Figure 2 Particle size distribution curves resulting from final laser analysis of 5 replicate samples of sediment distributed as PS88 (Benchmark Data).

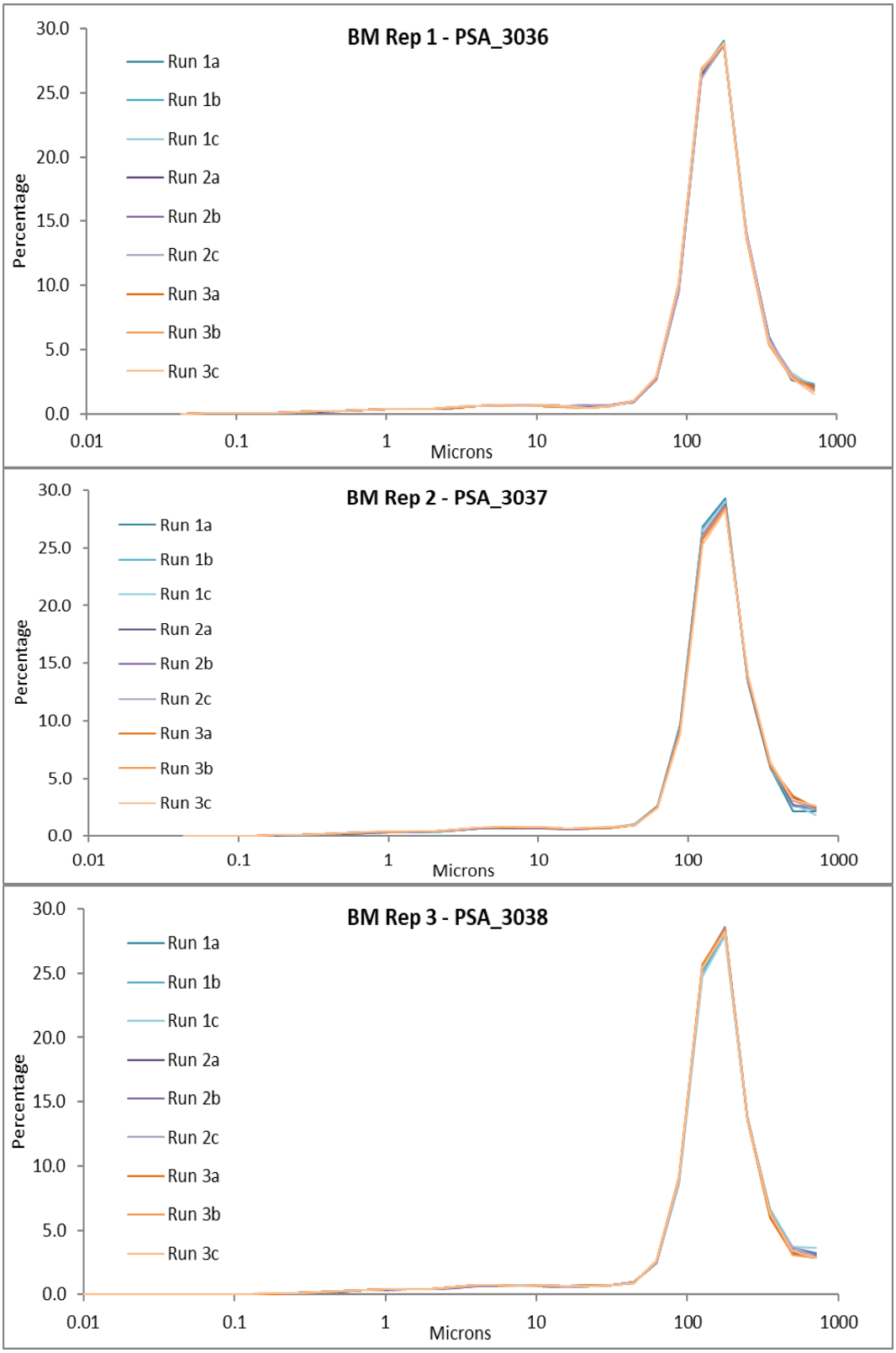
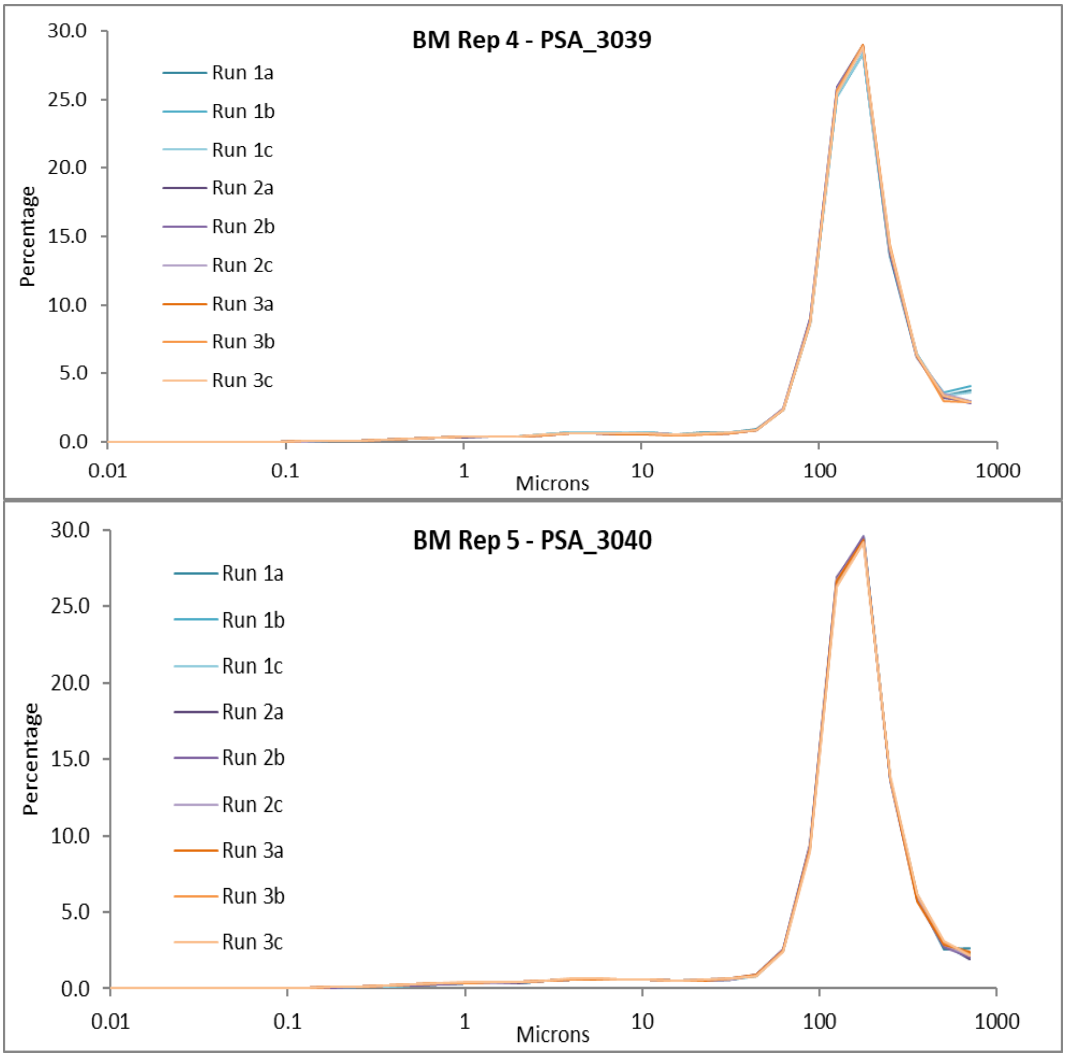


Figure 3 Particle size distribution curves resulting from laser analysis of five replicate samples of sediment distributed as PS88.



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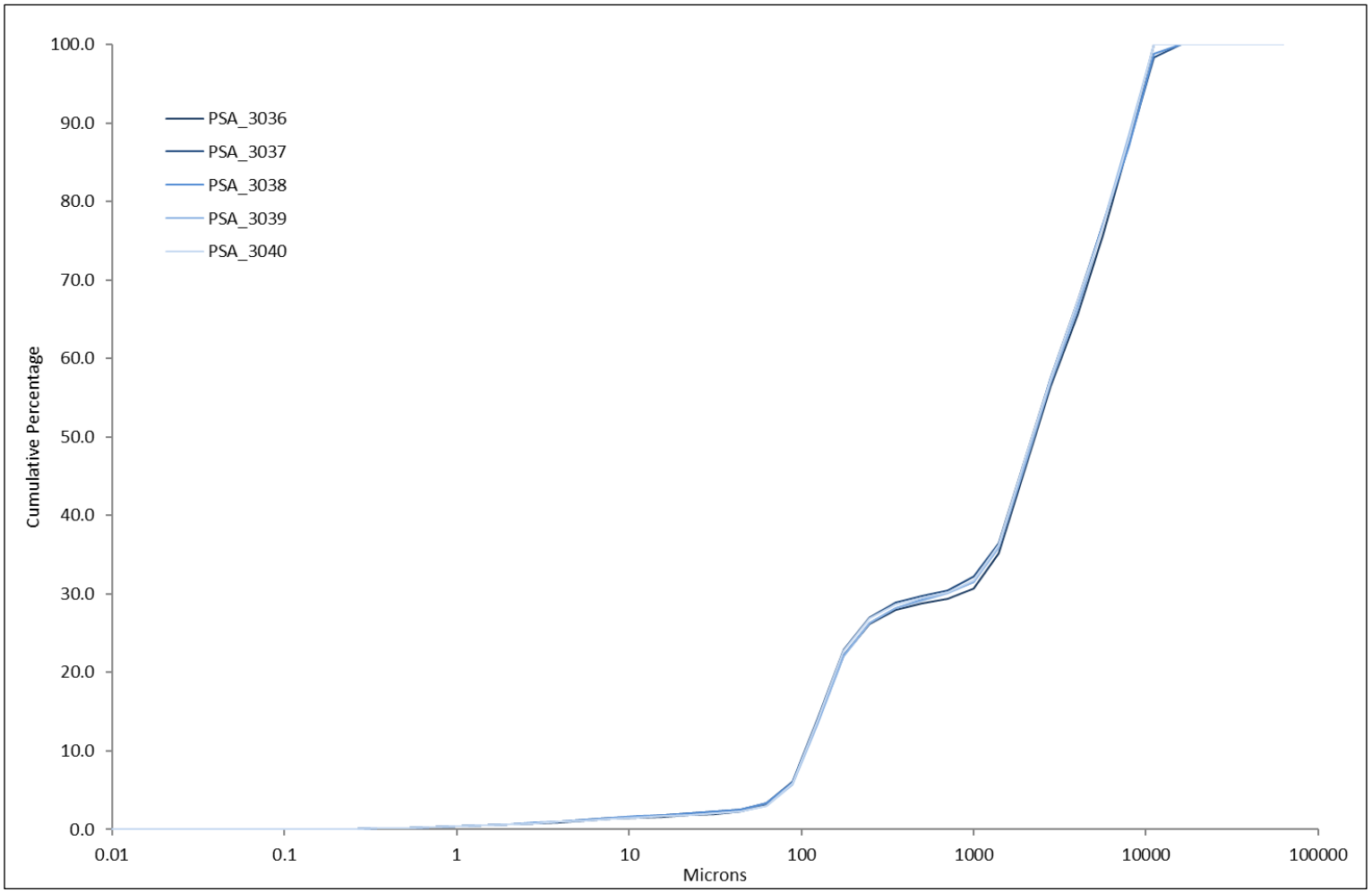

Figure 4 Particle size distribution curves resulting from analysis of 5 replicate samples of sediment distributed as PS88 (Benchmark Data).

2. PARTICIPANT DATA

Table 6 Summary of equipment and methods used by participants and sample summary data provided by participants for sediment distributed as PS88.

Lab	Equipment Used		Method Used	Chemical Dispersant	Peroxide pre-treatment	Summary Data			Sediment Description	
	Sieves	Laser				% Gravel	% Sand	% Mud	(post analysis)	Gradistat Textural Group
BM Average	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	63.98	33.63	2.39	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3001_a	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	65.25	32.72	2.03	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3001_b	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	65.25	33.47	1.28	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3001_c	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	65.3	32.9	1.8	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3002	Yes	Yes	OTHER	No	No	66.09	32.28	1.63	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3003	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	63.99	33.31	2.70	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3004	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	65.8	33.70	0.40	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3005	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	64.24	34.18	1.58	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3006	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	64.323	33.33	2.36	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3007	Yes	Yes	OTHER	No	No	68.50	30.39	1.11	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3008	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	58.78	39.62	1.60	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3009	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
PSA_3010	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	65.78	33.81	0.41	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3011	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	65.43	32.26	2.31	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3012	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	65.62	33.13	1.25	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel
PSA_3013	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r
PSA_3014	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p	n/p
PSA_3015	Yes	Yes	NMBAQC	No	No	64.75	32.95	2.30	Sandy Gravel	Sandy Gravel

Table 7 Summary of the sieve data provided by participants for sediment distributed as PS88.

Phi interval (explicit); Sieve mesh (mm)		Benchmark Average	PSA_3001_a	PSA_3001_b	PSA_3001_c	PSA_3002	PSA_3003	PSA_3004	PSA_3005	PSA_3006	PSA_3007
Sieves Used		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
-6.50 to -6.00; 63 mm		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-6.00 to -5.50; 45 mm		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-5.50 to -5.00; 31.5		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-5.00 to -4.50; 22.4		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-4.50 to -4.00; 16 mm		5.58	12.08	12.08	12.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.15	6.17	0.00
-4.00 to -3.50; 11.2		119.72	122.24	122.24	122.24	125.80	139.24	149.87	128.02	130.56	0.00
-3.50 to -3.00; 8 mm		109.67	99.76	99.76	99.76	111.77	91.19	107.33	117.82	101.91	0.00
-3.00 to -2.50; 5.6 mm		100.23	111.74	111.74	111.74	131.17	107.09	109.74	108.63	96.45	0.00
-2.50 to -2.00; 4 mm		96.60	82.77	82.77	82.77	79.17	86.70	84.40	91.74	93.21	0.00
-2.00 to -1.50; 2.8 mm		103.16	99.18	99.18	99.18	141.13	117.24	98.31	113.56	109.25	0.00
-1.50 to -1.00; 2 mm		110.29	110.32	110.32	110.32	119.07	112.11	127.08	129.80	107.34	745.13
-1.00 to -0.50; 1.4 mm		45.01	41.99	41.99	41.99	42.43	42.58	46.38	57.22	46.42	0.00
-0.50 to 0.00; 1 mm		15.00	13.56	13.56	13.56	12.23	12.57	13.59	14.59	12.29	21.10
Total		705.24	693.64	693.64	693.64	762.77	708.72	736.70	770.54	703.60	766.23
Summary Data											
>1 mm		705.24	693.64	693.64	693.64	762.77	708.72	740.49	770.54	703.60	-
<1 mm	Base pan	5.63	11.90	11.90	11.90-	-	6.65	3.79	8.24	4.62	-
	Oven dried	297.59	272.38	272.38	272.38	308.70-	306.06	287.94	308.92	294.48	-
Total Sample Weight		1008.45	977.91	977.91	977.91	1071.47	308.70	1028.43	1087.70	1002.70	-

Table 7 Summary of the sieve data provided by participants for sediment distributed as PS88**.**

Phi interval (explicit); Sieve mesh (mm)		Benchmark Average	PSA_3008	PSA_3009	PSA_3010	PSA_3011	PSA_3012	PSA_3013	PSA_3014	PSA_3015
Sieves Used		Yes	Yes	n/p	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/r	n/p	Yes
-6.50 to -6.00; 63 mm		0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.00
-6.00 to -5.50; 45 mm		0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.00
-5.50 to -5.00; 31.5		0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.00
-5.00 to -4.50; 22.4		0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.00
-4.50 to -4.00; 16 mm		5.58	0.00	n/p	19.28	4.21	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.00
-4.00 to -3.50; 11.2		119.72	82.04	n/p	129.92	153.17	139.21	n/r	n/p	149.73
-3.50 to -3.00; 8 mm		109.67	77.82	n/p	101.06	99.74	95.19	n/r	n/p	96.33
-3.00 to -2.50; 5.6 mm		100.23	66.18	n/p	129.55	119.22	102.98	n/r	n/p	118.04
-2.50 to -2.00; 4 mm		96.60	58.43	n/p	94.47	87.10	76.72	n/r	n/p	84.54
-2.00 to -1.50; 2.8 mm		103.16	74.11	n/p	110.47	111.84	102.05	n/r	n/p	110.45
-1.50 to -1.00; 2 mm		110.29	78.86	n/p	133.76	120.85	98.93	n/r	n/p	97.57
-1.00 to -0.50; 1.4 mm		45.01	35.43	n/p	47.26	43.13	33.68	n/r	n/p	43.73
-0.50 to 0.00; 1 mm		15.00	8.50	n/p	12.25	13.34	11.09	n/r	n/p	11.09
Total		705.24	481.37	n/p	778.0200	752.6067	659.84	n/r	n/p	711.48
Summary Data										
>1 mm		705.24	481.37	n/p	778.02	752.61	659.84	n/r	n/p	711.48
<1 mm	Base pan	5.63	4.38	n/p	6.14	7.99	5.32	n/r	n/p	4.43
	Oven dried	297.59	258.40	n/p	308.18	303.28	272.17	n/r	n/p	298.21
Total Sample Weight		1008.45	744.15	n/p	1092.34	1063.88	937.33	n/r	n/p	1014.12

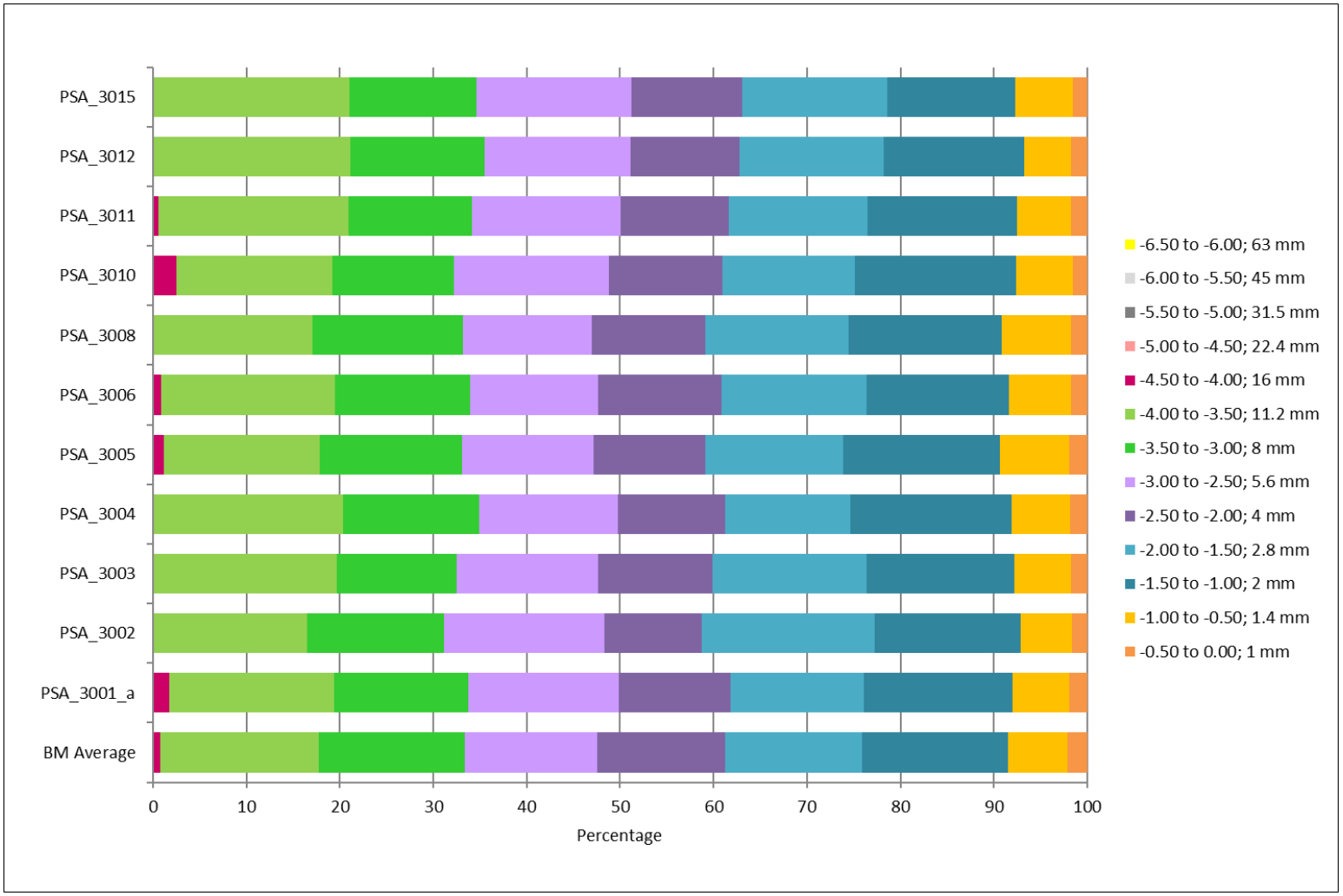

Figure 5 Final sieve data (in percentages) provided by each participant for sediment distributed as PS88.

Table 8 Summary of final laser data for the participants for sediment distributed as PS88 with Gradistat output.

Microns	Benchmark Average	PSA_3001_a	PSA_3001_b	PSA_3001_c	PSA_3002	PSA_3003	PSA_3004
707	2.55	0.37	2.06	1.23	0.00	6.44	0.78
500	3.09	0.78	3.26	1.16	0.40	4.07	0.83
353.6	6.11	5.67	8.87	5.85	5.01	6.20	5.43
250	13.78	17.43	18.95	17.51	17.46	13.71	18.10
176.8	28.80	27.31	26.00	27.09	28.56	27.52	29.29
125	26.04	25.43	22.53	25.06	26.87	22.98	27.78
88.39	9.17	13.10	11.52	12.93	13.39	7.85	13.67
62.5	2.52	2.93	2.43	2.90	2.65	2.40	2.52
44.19	0.92	0.10	0.01	0.10	0.06	1.05	0.04
31.25	0.68	0.50	0.08	0.44	0.17	0.53	0.00
22.097	0.61	0.93	0.75	0.82	0.53	0.78	0.15
15.625	0.56	0.77	0.72	0.70	0.57	0.45	0.31
11.049	0.66	0.58	0.42	0.54	0.51	0.45	0.25
7.813	0.63	0.63	0.35	0.59	0.57	0.72	0.21
5.524	0.66	0.78	0.45	0.73	0.69	0.77	0.22
3.906	0.65	0.80	0.53	0.75	0.74	0.69	0.23
2.762	0.50	0.69	0.48	0.66	0.66	0.57	0.19
1.953	0.40	0.51	0.35	0.47	0.49	0.52	0.01
1.381	0.38	0.32	0.23	0.29	0.29	0.49	0.00
0.977	0.37	0.22	0.05	0.13	0.19	0.43	0.00
0.691	0.30	0.16	0.00	0.05	0.19	0.34	0.00
0.488	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.27	0.00
0.345	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00
0.244	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.00
0.173	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00
0.122	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00
0.086	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00
0.061	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00
0.043	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Gradistat Outputs							
MEAN:	186.10	176.66	199.62	180.70	177.15	198.73	187.83
SORTING:	2.27	2.07	1.78	2.03	1.93	2.68	1.58
SKEWNESS:	-0.21	-0.28	-0.03	-0.23	-0.27	-0.18	0.03
KURTOSIS:	2.35	1.93	1.12	1.80	1.80	2.49	1.01
MODE:	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal
Primary Mode	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4

Table 8 Summary of final laser data for the participants for sediment distributed as PS88 with Gradistat output.

Microns	Benchmark Average	PSA_3005	PSA_3006	PSA_3007	PSA_3008	PSA_3009	PSA_3010
707	2.55	0.00	2.05	0.03	1.91	n/p	0.00
500	3.09	0.00	3.11	1.14	3.99	n/p	0.48
353.6	6.11	4.82	6.80	7.27	6.00	n/p	7.13
250	13.78	17.90	15.09	19.57	18.56	n/p	20.25
176.8	28.80	28.88	29.09	29.05	31.22	n/p	30.24
125	26.04	26.64	24.93	25.21	24.43	n/p	26.11
88.39	9.17	13.54	8.56	11.92	7.96	n/p	12.25
62.5	2.52	2.80	2.47	2.06	1.40	n/p	2.10
44.19	0.92	0.01	0.86	0.00	0.79	n/p	0.00
31.25	0.68	0.05	0.70	0.05	0.38	n/p	0.05
22.097	0.61	0.65	0.62	0.60	0.46	n/p	0.58
15.625	0.56	0.74	0.56	0.61	0.66	n/p	0.60
11.049	0.66	0.47	0.65	0.33	0.72	n/p	0.21
7.813	0.63	0.40	0.62	0.26	0.64	n/p	0.00
5.524	0.66	0.54	0.65	0.38	0.48	n/p	0.00
3.906	0.65	0.66	0.64	0.47	0.29	n/p	0.00
2.762	0.50	0.63	0.50	0.43	0.11	n/p	0.00
1.953	0.40	0.51	0.40	0.33	0.00	n/p	0.00
1.381	0.38	0.37	0.40	0.23	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.977	0.37	0.25	0.38	0.07	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.691	0.30	0.12	0.31	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.488	0.22	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.345	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.244	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.173	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.122	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.086	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.061	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.043	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/p	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	n/p	100.00
Gradistat Outputs							
MEAN:	186.10	176.92	189.51	191.92	204.01	n/p	195.30
SORTING:	2.27	1.89	2.24	1.64	1.72	n/p	1.56
SKEWNESS:	-0.21	-0.27	-0.23	-0.05	0.01	n/p	0.01
KURTOSIS:	2.35	1.71	2.23	1.07	1.31	n/p	0.97
MODE:	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	n/p	Unimodal
Primary Mode	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4	213.4	n/p	213.4

Table 8 Summary of final laser data for the participants for sediment distributed as PS88 with Gradistat output.

Microns	Benchmark Average	PSA_3011	PSA_3012	PSA_3013	PSA_3014	PSA_3015
707	2.55	2.02	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.02
500	3.09	2.87	0.24	n/r	n/p	3.83
353.6	6.11	6.73	4.57	n/r	n/p	16.25
250	13.78	13.41	17.86	n/r	n/p	24.59
176.8	28.80	28.49	29.59	n/r	n/p	22.81
125	26.04	26.55	27.74	n/r	n/p	12.28
88.39	9.17	9.69	13.32	n/r	n/p	9.16
62.5	2.52	2.35	2.46	n/r	n/p	3.37
44.19	0.92	0.88	0.04	n/r	n/p	0.81
31.25	0.68	0.67	0.09	n/r	n/p	0.32
22.097	0.61	0.63	0.45	n/r	n/p	0.49
15.625	0.56	0.53	0.52	n/r	n/p	0.68
11.049	0.66	0.73	0.46	n/r	n/p	0.53
7.813	0.63	0.71	0.47	n/r	n/p	0.66
5.524	0.66	0.69	0.55	n/r	n/p	0.59
3.906	0.65	0.65	0.57	n/r	n/p	0.55
2.762	0.50	0.50	0.51	n/r	n/p	0.53
1.953	0.40	0.38	0.37	n/r	n/p	0.49
1.381	0.38	0.35	0.19	n/r	n/p	0.43
0.977	0.37	0.33	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.37
0.691	0.30	0.28	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.24
0.488	0.22	0.21	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.28
0.345	0.15	0.14	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.24
0.244	0.10	0.09	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.20
0.173	0.06	0.06	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.15
0.122	0.04	0.04	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.09
0.086	0.02	0.02	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.03
0.061	0.01	0.01	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.00
0.043	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.00
0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/r	n/p	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	n/r	n/p	100.00
Gradistat Outputs						
MEAN:	186.10	184.99	179.87	n/r	n/p	211.67
SORTING:	2.27	2.23	1.61	n/r	n/p	2.42
SKEWNESS:	-0.21	-0.22	-0.11	n/r	n/p	-0.40
KURTOSIS:	2.35	2.31	1.10	n/r	n/p	1.81
MODE:	Unimodal	Unimodal	Unimodal	n/r	n/p	Unimodal
Primary Mode	213.4	213.4	213.4	n/r	n/p	301.80

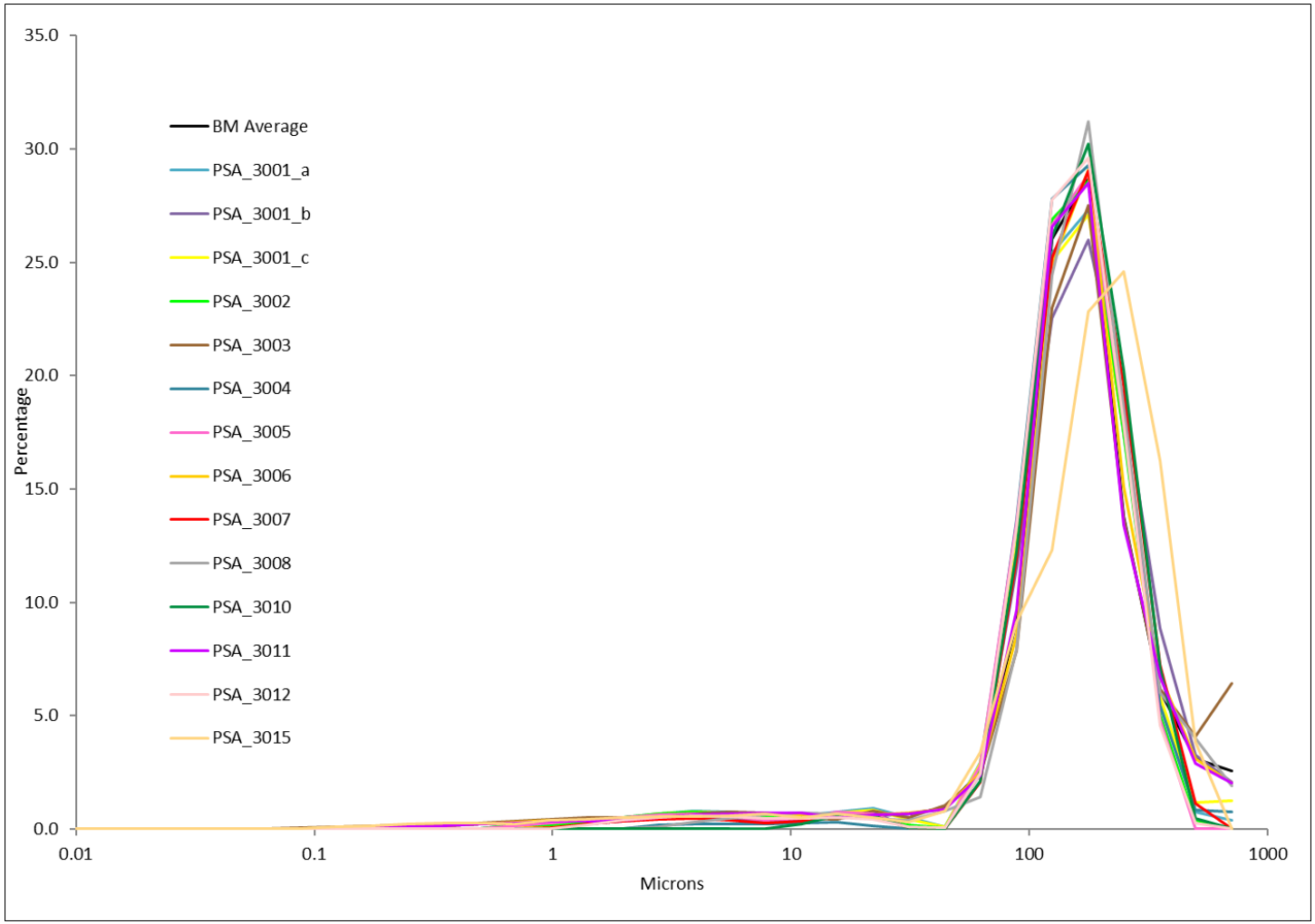

Figure 6 Final laser data (in percentages) provided by each participant and the Benchmark average for sediment distributed as PS88.

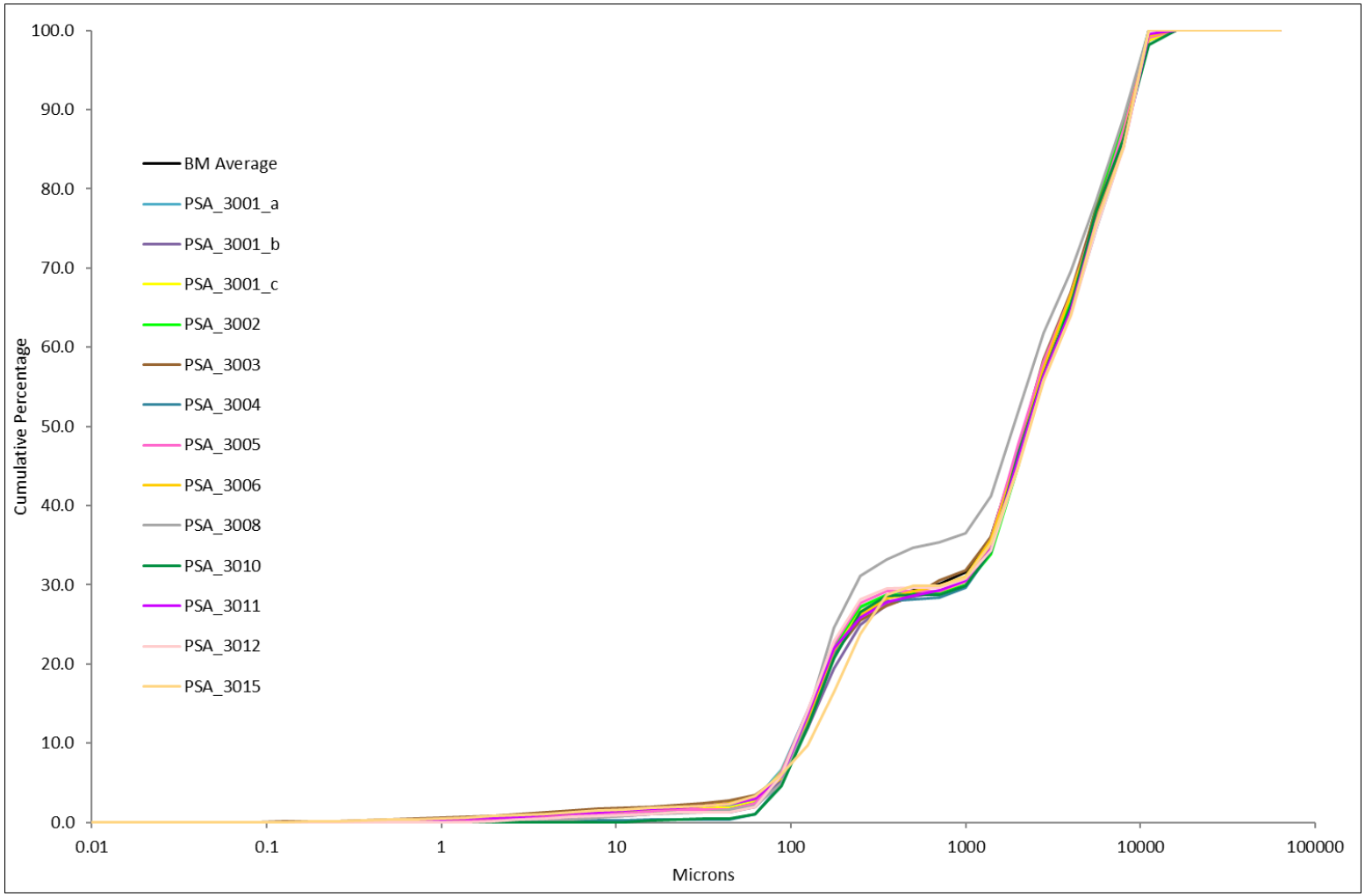

Figure 7 Particle size distribution curves from all participating laboratories and the Benchmark average for sediment distributed as PS88**.**

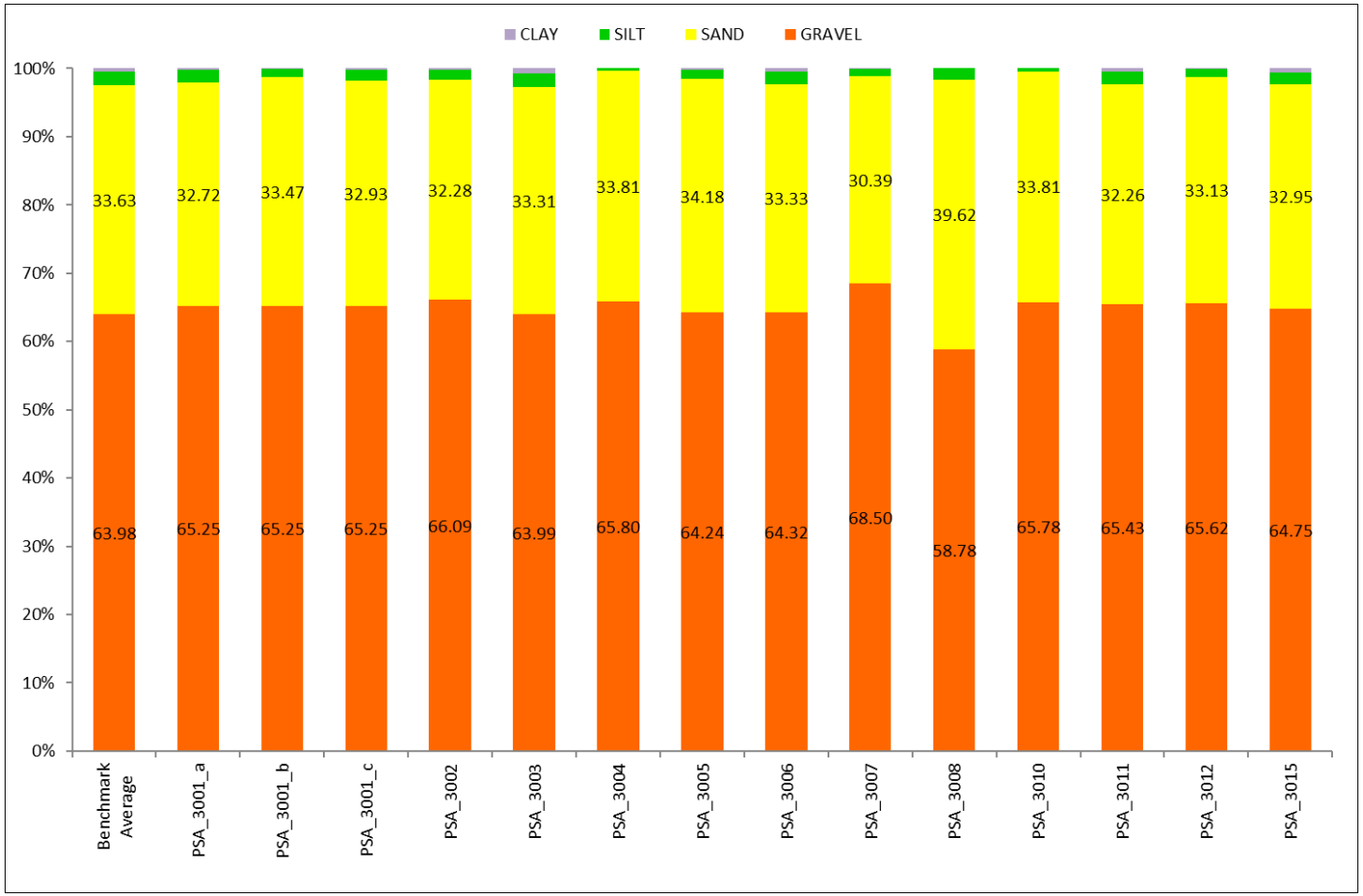

Figure 8 Bar charts showing the percentage gravel, sand, silt and clay recorded by each participating laboratory and the Benchmark average for PS88.

All appendices are MS Excel files embedded within this PDF Report.

Appendix 1 – Benchmark and Participant laser replicate data for sediment distributed as PS88.

Appendix 2 - Gradistat output of size categories based on final merged data provided by each participant and the Benchmark Average for sediment distributed as PS88.

Appendix 3 – Benchmark Lab and Participant final merged data for sediment distributed as PS88.

Appendix 4 – Individual comparison of participant and Benchmark sieve data for sediment distributed as PS88.