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To: **All NSI Gold Approved Companies and Applicants for Gold Approval where the scheme requires a Quality management system to be implemented and maintained that is compliant with BS EN ISO 9001**

Dear Colleague

BS EN ISO 9001:2008 Quality management systems

BS EN ISO 9001:2008 was published on the 15th November 2008 as a replacement for BS EN ISO 9001:2000 and it is available through licensed outlets including NSI who can supply copies at a discounted rate.

The 2008 edition does not introduce any new requirements but the text has been amended in many areas in order to improve the clarity, aid translation and increase the alignment with the Environmental Management Systems Standard BS EN ISO 14001:2004. Some of the text amendments are significant and relate to issues that are gradually receiving more attention in terms of accredited certification e.g. legal requirements and competency. NSI has therefore produced Technical Bulletin 0011 in order to give further guidance on the clauses that have been subject to the most significant text changes. A copy of the bulletin is attached.

With immediate effect any new applicant for a NSI Gold Scheme that requires compliance with BS EN ISO 9001 will be expected to demonstrate compliance with the 2008 edition before certification can be granted and once approved they will receive a full three-yearly certificate.

Applicants already in process can choose to immediately upgrade to the 2008 edition if they wish or they can complete their application against BS EN ISO 9001:2000 and upgrade to BS EN ISO 9001:2008 on a routine surveillance visit, as long as this is done before the expiry date on their initial certificate. We can however only issue BS EN ISO 9001:2000 Certificates for up to 12 months from the date of publication of the 2008 edition and no new or existing BS EN ISO 9001:2000 Certificate is valid 24 months after the date of issue of the 2008 edition.

Companies already holding NSI approval can upgrade to the 2008 edition on their next visit or they can leave it until their next scheduled three-yearly re-certification date, provided this takes place before the 14th November 2010.

Yours sincerely

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