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To: All NSI NACOSS Gold, Systems Silver and ARC Gold approved companies

Dear Colleague

NEW EDITION OF BS 8418 FOR DETECTOR-ACTIVATED CCTV SYSTEMS

I am writing to you about British Standards Institution (BSI) Code of Practice BS 8418:2010 – “Installation and remote monitoring of detector-activated CCTV systems – Code of practice”.

BS 8418:2010 (“the new BS”) is similar to BS 8418:2003+A1:2005 (“the present BS”) in many ways. However, the new BS is a full revision of the standard and there are a good many changes to the wording.

Guidance on the new BS is given in NSI Technical Bulletin 0018, which is now available for downloading from the company area of the NSI website www.nsi.org.uk.

A transition period from the present BS to the new BS is in place, which runs until 31 July 2011.

Installers may install CCTV systems to the present BS up until 31 July 2011. However, from 1 August 2011 at the latest all new remote monitored detector-activated CCTV systems meeting BS 8418 will need to be installed to the new BS.

RVRCs taking on the monitoring of CCTV systems installed to the new BS must also monitor these systems to the new BS. However, from 1 August 2011 at the latest RVRCs will need to monitor all BS 8418 CCTV systems to the new BS irrespective of whether the systems are installed to the present BS or the new BS. NSI Technical Bulletin 0018 provides further details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

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