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To: **All NSI Gold Approved Companies and Applicants for Gold Approval Against
BS EN ISO 9001**

Dear Colleague

BS EN ISO 9001 QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

BS EN ISO 9001 is undergoing a substantial revision and is due to be published in September 2015 as a replacement for BS EN ISO 9001:2008.

The 2015 edition is currently at the draft stage and more details on the proposed changes are contained in the attached information leaflet.

Assuming the new edition of BS EN ISO 9001 is published in September 2015 then the following *provisional* timescales will apply:

- New applications for approval against BS EN ISO 9001:2008 will be accepted until 31 March 2016. Any applications after this time will only be accepted against BS EN ISO 9001:2015.
- Companies with an application already in progress when the revised standard is published can choose to either:
 - (a) Be assessed against BS EN ISO 9001:2008 and upgrade to BS EN ISO 9001:2015 as part of a routine surveillance visit
or
 - (b) Be assessed against BS EN ISO 9001:2015.
- Companies with an existing approval to BS EN ISO 9001:2008 will have until 30 September 2017 to transfer to BS EN ISO 9001:2015. The transfer process can either be done as part of a routine surveillance visit or as part of the scheduled re-certification audit, provided this takes place before 30 September 2017.

All the above timescales will be confirmed once the actual publication date of the revised standard is known.

Later in the year we will write to you again detailing the process you will need to undertake in order to transfer your NSI Gold approvals to the revised standard.

Yours faithfully


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