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To: All NSI Gold approved companies

Dear Colleague,

BS EN ISO 9001:2015 Transition

The 15th September 2018 is just around the corner!

Feedback from organisations that have successfully transitioned indicates that the new standard has been very well received. "More business oriented", "less bureaucratic" and "more flexible" are some of the positive comments we've noted.

As we hope you will be aware, we have made every effort to minimise costs for Approved Companies associated with transitioning to ISO 9001:2015. We have done this by making it possible to transition at one of your routine audits, with no need for an additional chargeable audit.

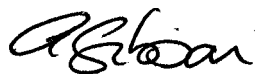
However, time is now beginning to run low and for those companies who have not yet transitioned, depending on the circumstances, there could now be a need for us to carry out an additional chargeable audit outside of the routine audit plan. We will look at each case individually and, where it is feasible, our agenda is to avoid the need for additional chargeable audits.

If you have already been assessed against ISO 9001:2015 and you have a plan in place with your auditor for completing the transition at the next audit, then there should be no need for an additional audit. However, the below could still be relevant.

Please be aware that from June onwards there is an increasing risk associated with transition audits, as the time available for close out of findings (and our capability to deliver an additional audit if required) diminishes.

Therefore, if you haven't discussed and agreed with us your transition audit arrangements, please contact your auditor or an NSI Operations Coordinator to discuss the matter – hopefully avoiding the need for an additional audit.

Yours sincerely



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