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Agreement for Quality improvement in the Aerospace Supply Chain

Following the agreement signed today, the IAT and AENOR business alliance becomes the first service provider of the European Aerospace Quality Group (EAQG)

The alliance between IAT (Andalusian Institute of Technology) and AENOR (Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification), as service providers to the Aerospace sector, has signed an agreement with EAQG (European Aerospace Quality Group). According to the terms of the agreement, "IAT+AENOR" is becoming the first international supplier of the initially selected four, which will work in line with EAQG making up the API platform (Aerospace Performance Improvement). Its goal is to improve the implementation and robustness of the Quality standards of Aerospace industry at national and international levels, standards developed by IAQG (International Aerospace Quality Group).

The agreement was signed by the President of EAQG, Guy Dion, the President of AENOR, Manuel López Cachero, and the President of IAT, José Luis Calvo in presence of Andalusia Government's Minister for Innovation, Science and Business, Francisco Vallejo.

In line with the policy set by EAQG, **the members of the API platform will provide a series of services aimed at helping companies connected with the Aerospace sector to deliver their products and services** within the appropriate time, quality and cost restraints. **Those companies will thus be helped to become more competitive. These services include training**, with special focus on aspects related to the Aerospace sector and, specifically, with the EN 9100 standard series (Aerospace Quality Management System requirements) and other released IAQG standards / guidelines, **and On site support allowing the Aerospace Supply Chain** with these value added services **to improve the Industry processes** (value analysis, adjusted production, key indicator definition, etc.). **These services, in Spain, are aimed at a sector which employs over 29,500 people and generates around 100,000 indirect jobs.**

This agreement will strengthen the international presence of the "IAT+AENOR" alliance in the Aerospace sector, and thus boost both institutions' projects in the sector. **The API platform will be managed by EAQG with national support to facilitate the monitoring and to supervise the provided services.** In the same way, EAQG will reinforce the marketing and communications actions with its Partners and developed a website where all the information relating to this process is available.

The signed agreement not only covers service provision aspects, but also includes other terms establishing the alliance between EAQG and “IAT+AENOR” in order to exchange specific material or related documents, participate in sector meetings and forums or drafting joint procedures to facilitate the implementation of the commitments assumed by both parties.

About EAQG

EAQG (European Aerospace Quality Group) is the Quality community of ASD, the AeroSpace & Defence Industries Association of Europe and the European sector of IAQG, the International Aerospace Quality Group.

EAQG is a cooperative global organisation of companies (30 European major companies) providing Aviation, Space and Defence products and services.

EAQG purpose is to implement initiatives that make significant improvements in Quality and reductions in cost throughout the value stream by establishing and maintaining dynamic co-operation based on trust between International Aerospace companies.

EAQG focus is to continuously improve the processes used by the Supply Chain to deliver consistently high Quality products, thereby reducing non - value added activities and cost.

About IAT

The Andalusian Institute of Technology (IAT), founded in 1989, is a Knowledge Management and Engineering Technology Centre with extensive experience in providing advanced services in the sphere of innovation and product and processes improvement, particularly in the aerospace sector. IAT holds the ISO 9001:2000, ISO 14001:2004 and UNE 166002:2002 certificates for Quality Management, the Environment and R&D&i.

IAT is a member of the European Foundation of Quality Management (EFQM), holds the vice-presidency of the European Governing Board of Value Management (EGB) and generates its own technology in areas such as Value Management, Strategic Planning, Lean Manufacturing, 6-Sigma, etc.

About AENOR

The Spanish Association of Standardisation and Certification (AENOR) was set up in 1986 as a non-profit, private entity. Its standardisation and certification activities are aimed at contributing to the improvement in quality and competitiveness of companies, products and services and to environmental protection and, thus, the well-being of society as a whole.

AENOR is the leading certification entity in Spain, with over 20,000 Quality management and 4,000 environmental management certificates issued. It is also the leading product certification entity, with nearly 78,000 certified products. It has issued certificates in over 60 countries and has a permanent presence in 8 European and American countries, along with its 21 centres in Spain.



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