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The Standards Institution of Israel (SII) joins the ASD-European Aerospace Quality Group (EAQG) Aerospace Performance Improvement Programme

Paris, 26 October 2007 - The ASD-European Aerospace Quality Group (EAQG) and the Standards Institution of Israel (SII), today signed an agreement confirming SII as ASD-EAQG's partner in Israel, which sees SII join two prominent European partners in ASD-EAQG's Aerospace Performance Improvement (API) platform.

The agreement will enable SII to provide a range of services and training programmes aimed at helping companies in the Aerospace and Defence sector improve their operational capabilities, allowing them to deliver their products and services within appropriate quality, time and cost restraining, hence contributing to increased competitiveness.

The aim of the API programme is to enable API partners to improve the performance of the Aerospace and Defence industry by implementing the quality standards, requirements and guidelines developed by IAQG (International Aerospace Quality Group) for the benefit of the entire supply chain at national and international levels.

The agreement was signed by the President of EAQG, Mr. Guy Dion, and the Director General of SII, Mrs. Ziva Patir. 'We welcome this opportunity to join the API platform. This partnership will increase our capacity to establish new training programmes and services to Aerospace and Defence Industry companies', said Mrs Ziva Patir, speaking at today's signing ceremony.

ASD-EAQG's Guy Dion stated: 'We are very happy to be cooperating with SII in the areas of quality and service provision. The API platform helps our industry supply chain both implement and improve the quality of standards in the Aerospace and Defence Industry.'

The services and training on offer will focus on activities related to the Aerospace industry meeting the requirements of AS/EN 9100 standard series (Aerospace Quality Management System requirements) and other released IAQG standards / guidelines. Sharing industry best practices, coaching and on site support aimed to improve the Aerospace Industry processes, is another key element of the programme, covering product development, processes improvement and supply chain management.



About ASD European Quality Group (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.

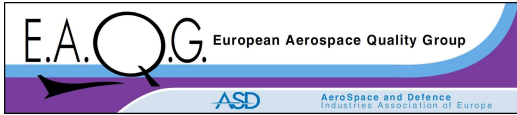
ASD represents the aeronautics, space and defence industries in Europe. ASD has 32 member associations in 21 European countries and represents over 2,000 companies.

About SII

The Standards Institution of Israel (SII) is Israel's official body for the preparation and publication of Israeli standards. SII is a non-Governmental Organization, whose purpose is to prepare standards and ensure the quality of products which are produced locally or imported.

SII covers standardization, testing, certification and training activities, providing testing and inspection services to industry and commerce, as well as regulatory services to government. SII represents Israel's interests in the international standards organizations, ISO and IEC and actively assists in Israel's integration into the global economy by participating in and maintaining close relations and agreements with testing and certification bodies, such as, IQNet and IECEE.

SII operates product and system certification programs. The Product certification programs include three marking schemes Standards Mark, Safety Mark, and Green Label. The System certification programs include: , SI ISO 9100, SI ISO 14000, SI ISO 17799, SI 18001, TL 9000 and TS 16949. SII is the only organization in Israel which has established an AS9100 series related training programme cooperating with National Quality Assurance Ltd. on this issue.



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