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Consultation on the use of the performance approach of ISO/TS 16528:2002 *Boilers and pressure vessels* — *Registration of Codes and Standards to promote international recognition*

action required from P-members

Comments to be provided by **29 August 2003**

information to O-members and liaisons

Dear members,

At its meeting in April, ISO/TC 11 *Boilers and pressure vessels* expressed concern about potentially overlapping work on pressure vessels, particularly in relation to ISO/TC 197 and ISO/TC 220 *Cryogenic vessels* (see the attached letter in Annex 1). More specifically, ISO/TC 11 adopted resolution 46 as follows:

Resolution 46

To request that ISO Council or TMB (as appropriate) direct or strongly recommend TCs developing ISO standards for boiler and pressure vessel applications to use the performance approach of ISO 16528 for design and manufacture of such equipment, i.e. limit the coverage of these TCs to specific requirements truly unique to their specific intended applications.

At the Technical Management Board (TMB) meeting in June, the ISO/TC 11 resolution was noted with an action to first consult the committees concerned. As a result, the ISO Central Secretariat contacted the ISO/TC 197 Chairman on 11 August 2003 to carry out a consultation within ISO/TC 197.

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In order to initiate the discussion on this topic, the ISO/TC 197 Chairman has prepared the following draft recommendation for consideration by the ISO/TC 197 P-members:

ISO/TC 197 has already recognized in its business plan that the lack of International Standards on boilers and pressure vessels has had and continues to be a challenge for the timely completion of the ISO/TC 197 standards that deal with pressure vessel equipment such as storage tanks. The work of ISO/TC 11 Boilers and pressure vessels is therefore crucial in this regard.

As a result, ISO/TC 197 fully supports the development of an International Standard on boilers and pressure vessels. The current ISO/TS 16528:2002 is a technical specification that does not have the level of consensus of an International Standard. We believe that ISO/TC 11 should be asked to pursue its work so that an International Standard is developed within the assigned life cycle of the technical specification.

According to TMB resolution 72/2001, which was adopted by the TMB on 14-15 September 2001, ISO/TC 11 was urged to continue with the development of an International Standard including performance requirements. It may be useful for the TMB to provide further directions on how to pursue the development of this standard. For the TMB to provide further direction to ISO/TC 11, we would suggest that ISO Central Secretariat carry out a survey for the purpose of assessing the needs of the boiler and pressure vessel industry everywhere.

The next TMB meeting is to be held on 15 September 2003 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. To provide input to the TMB, all P-members are requested to provide their comments by **29 August 2003** (apologize for the short time) so that we can prepare a compilation for discussion at the ISO/TC 197 meeting on 4 September 2003 in Grenoble.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure (Annex 1)

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