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International Standards Organization
Attn: Ms. Sylvie Gingras
Secretary to WG12
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Subject: Request to establish a category D liaison status with ISO/TC 197 WG12

Dear Ms. Gingras,

The Mission of the Institute for Energy of the European Commission Joint Research Centre, (EC-DG JRC-IE) is to provide scientific and technical support, independent of private or national interest, for the conception, development, implementation and monitoring of Community policies related to energy.

The Clean Energies Unit of the Institute operates several experimental facilities including one on fuel cell testing. We are participating in multi-partner European projects and bilateral collaborations with other laboratories, with the objective to support technical development and standardisation activities in fuel cells.

As a European Commission Institution, the JRC-IE is interested in establishing a "category D liaison" status with the International Standards Organization Technical Committee 197 Working Group 12 (ISO TC 197 WG 12) on behalf of the European Commission. The European Commission supports international standardization as a means to remove barriers to trade and is aware of the implications thereof on copyright issues in international standardization efforts.

I would appreciate if you could process this request for a category D liaison status among the WG and confirm the acceptance at your earliest convenience

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Georgios Tsotridis

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