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ECMA application for A-Liaison with ISO TC 197

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Background: This is the application that ISO/TC 197 has received recently from ECMA to establish an A-Liaison with our TC.

By having an A-Liaison they will have access to TC 197 information concerning all of our TC's activities.

This application will be dealt with under agenda item 11.2 at the plenary in China.

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ECMA Application for a Liaison A with ISO TC 197

To the chairman of ISO TC 197

We are grateful for giving ECMA – European Cylinder Makers Association – a rather small organization - the opportunity to introduce our structure for the purpose of achieving liaison A status with ISO TC197.

As you know ECMA did participate in several working groups of ISO TC 197 since considerable time developing standards for cylinders and tubes for storage of hydrogen namely in WG-15, 18 and 25 and on a liaison D status.

We have just some weeks ago applied to extend this status to WG 24.
So we think it would make sense to apply now for a Liaison A status with ISO TC 197 to intensify our collaboration even more.

Now I would like to start the introduction of our association:
ECMA is a non-profit making organization founded in 1990, consisting of the 9 major high pressure gas cylinder manufacturers with legal residence and production facilities in EU member Countries.

The objectives of the Association are mainly:
To promote the common interest of the Cylinder Makers Industry with regard to all sorts of international and national organizations and with regard to the participants of the international gases and cylinder market, except any activity that could restrict or distort competition or infringe the rules of the Competition Laws.

To fulfill these objectives ECMA is engaged in the following activities:

1. obtain and exchange information amongst Members to fulfill the afore mentioned objectives;
2. promote the efficiency of the Industry and its exercise of business;
3. promote the interests of the Industry and enhance it in the International market
4. promote a high quality level and safety standard in the EU under the motto:
FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT EUROPEAN GAS CYLINDERS;
5. represent the Cylinder Makers in all matters related to the development or revision of technical standards and regulations for High Pressure Cylinders;
6. represent the Industry in all matters related to Custom Regulations, and act on its own behalf in any event of unfair trade;
7. keep the European Commission and any other organization advised on the needs and concerns of the Industry;
8. respond on behalf of the members to any questions of any organization concerning the Industry.

Members:
CMV S.r.l.
Chesterfield Special Cylinders
Eurocylinder Systems
Faber Industrie
ISI GmbH
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How is ECMA managed?

The Association is managed by the "General Assembly" in which individual members are represented by a board member (normally by the managing director) or an equivalent high level manager.

The current chairman of ECMA is Mr. Stefano Capponi Managing Director of Tenaris Cylinders, Italy.

The position of Secretary General is currently executed by myself, Mr. Klaus Markhoff, retired as Risk Manager for Air Liquide Germany.

Technical issues are managed by the "Technical Working Group (ECMA TG)" consisting of Technical Managers of all the member companies. This group meets regularly twice a year and if need arises ad hoc working group meetings or task forces are formed to discuss specific topics. Representatives of the TG are regularly participating in International Standardization Committees and rule making committees.

The main activities are:

- Participate in the development of international standards of ISO- and CEN Committees with regards to gas cylinders and their accessories (e.g. ISO/TC58 and CEN/TC23).
- Participate in the development of international regulations such as the UN Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (in UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods), or RID/ADR/ADN (the Joint Meeting) and
- EU Directives on Pressure Equipment and Transportable Pressure Equipment (in the European Commission)
- Liaise with organizations such as EIGA, NGVA Europe, US CGA etc. to promote common interests in standardization and rule making as well as other common interests.
- Develop Position Papers and Working Instructions for topics of common interest.

If there are any remaining questions I am pleased to answer them.

Thank you Mister Chairman.

Klaus Markhoff
Secretary General ECMA