



Recognised Stakeholder Agreement

Between

The European co-operation for Accreditation (EA)

And

The European Group of Organisations for Fire Testing, Inspection and Certification (EGOLF)

EA the “European co-operation for Accreditation” – which is the Association of nationally recognised Accreditation Bodies of the Member States of the European Union (EU) and of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and of countries that have been formally identified as candidates for membership of EU and EFTA – whose mission is to provide, through its members, effective and reliable accreditation services fulfilling at best the needs of the European economy and society

and

EGOLF, the “European Group of Organisations for Fire Testing, Inspection and Certification”, which is the principal representative body of third party organisations involved in fire safety testing, inspection and certification at a European level – whose mission is to represent the interests of its members in all aspects of their common activities in relation to fire safety testing and associated services [assessment, classification, inspection, accreditation and certification], fire safety engineering and fire safety research.

hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

recognizing that

- EA applies, for accreditation, the pertinent standards and guides, duly supported by EA applicative documents, to further the effective and harmonized operation of accreditation by its member Accreditation Bodies.

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- EA ensures that such Accreditation Bodies are properly following the applicable rules and duly enforcing their observance by the accredited conformity assessment bodies, by operating a peer evaluation system founded on solid and transparent criteria and procedures and managing the related Multilateral Agreement (MLA).
- Accreditations issued under the EA MLA pursuant to the provisions of Regulation (EC) 765/2008 – that establish, among others, a legal base and principle rules for accreditation, strengthen its use in the mandatory area and provide for the recognition of EA as the official European Accreditation Infrastructure –provide confidence in the effectiveness of conformity assessment services and in the reliability of the corresponding results, contributing to promote their recognitions and use in both voluntary and regulated areas.
- EGOLF represents accredited conformity assessment bodies and is willing to provide a significant contribution to the development of accreditation rules and practices.
- A recognised cooperation between the Parties will be beneficial to both organizations and to the respective members and stakeholders.

All the above being stated, the Parties have reached the following agreement

- The stakeholder organization will be recognised by EA as a Recognized Stakeholder.
- A representative of the Recognized Stakeholder will be invited to attend meetings of the EA General Assembly (with no voting rights and except for parts restricted to EA Members).
- Representatives of the Recognized Stakeholder will be entitled to participate in the work of Technical Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces of EA (excluding the fora institutionally reserved to particular member categories, for example, the meetings of the EA MLA Council).
- EA will make available to the Recognized Stakeholder the relevant policy and technical documents and will grant appropriate level of access to the EA Intranet. The Recognized Stakeholder will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of such documentation, providing inputs and comments, although not being entitled to vote on their approval.
- The Recognized Stakeholder will regularly inform EA on the development of those of its activities that are related to those of EA.
- The Recognised Stakeholder will provide financial compensation for costs incurred by EA or EA AB members, such as paying registration fees for participation to the EA General Assemblies and other meetings .
- EA and the Recognised Stakeholder may arrange joint cultural/educational initiatives, such as conferences, seminars, workshops, training courses and other pertinent activities. The practical modalities and the financial aspects of such collaboration will be subject to separate specific agreements.

- In the frame of this *Agreement* , the Parties will provide each other with the details of one or more contact persons.
- The Parties will observe confidentially regarding information mutually exchanged and identified as confidential. Breach of confidentiality may lead to the termination of this *Agreement*.

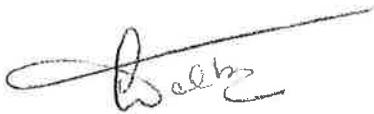
This *Agreement* shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties.

The *Agreement* is concluded for an indefinite period of time and will be formally reviewed every two years after its signature and amended, as far as necessary and applicable, including possible development into stricter forms of cooperation or termination. The *Agreement* may, however, be terminated at any time by any one of the Parties, after due notification to the other Party.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by the respective organizations, have signed this *Agreement*.

For EA

The European co-operation for Accreditation



Graham Talbot
EA Chairman

Date: 14th February 2011

For the Stakeholder Organisation

The European Group of Organisations for
Fire Testing, Inspection and Certification



Pascal Coget
EGOLF President

Date: 11th February 2011