

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

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SUBJECT: EU Pressure Equipment Directive

The following was prepared in response to inquiries regarding these EU requirements:

Reference: Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC, 7/2 (Annex 1, Paragraph 4.3) as modified on 7 Sep 2004:

Q: What is a “competent body” for certification of the quality systems of material manufacturers (of pressure vessel materials)?

A: A competent body can be any third party body: 1) established as a legal entity within the community, and 2) which has recognized competence in the assessment of the quality systems for the manufacture and technology of the materials concerned. Competence can be demonstrated by accreditation.

SRI Background

Steel Related Industries Quality System Registrar, Inc., SRI, is accredited by ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) in the United States and also Raad voor Accreditatie (RvA), the national accreditation board of The Netherlands. Also doing business as SRI Quality System Registrar, we are recognized as a leading worldwide registrar for steel and primary metals producers. Many of the registered clients of SRI produce materials which are used in the production of pressure equipment.

SRI meets the Requirements of Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC, 7/2

- 1) “Established as a legal entity within the EU”: Steel Related Industries Quality System Registrar, LTD is a registered and duly licensed legal entity in the European Union. Be advised that this office of SRI takes full responsibility for Quality Management System Certificates issued by its office in Wexford, PA, USA for the purpose of satisfying the material manufacture requirements of the European Union Pressure Equipment Directive.
- 2) “Competence”: SRI has recognized EU competence via its accreditation by RvA (Netherlands), as well as ANAB (United States)

Any additional questions about SRI and the PED should be addressed to me at the address above.

Sincerely,



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President