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SUBJECT: SRI meets the Requirements of Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC, 7/2 (Annex I Paragraph 4.3), including modifications adopted 31 Mar 2006.

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

Reference: Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC, 7/2 (related to: Annex I Paragraph 4.3):

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 (related to: Annex I Section 4.3) including modifications adopted 31 Mar 2006.**

- 1) “Established as a legal entity within the EU”: Steel Related Industries Quality System Registrar, LTD is a registered, duly licensed, operating “**legal entity**” in the European Union, and as such, is fully responsible for Quality Management System Certificates bearing its U. S. and Ireland address for the purpose of satisfying the material manufacture requirements of the European Union Pressure Equipment Directive.
- 2) “Competence”: SRI has recognized EU competence “**demonstrated by accreditation**” with RvA (Netherlands) and ANAB (United States) “**in the assessment of quality (assurance) systems for the manufacture of materials and in the technology of the materials concerned**”.
- 3) “Certificate of quality system shall make reference to the legal entity”: SRI “**certificate(s) of quality system**” “**make reference**” to the Ireland address in the EU (as noted above) for the purpose of meeting PED requirements.

Sincerely,



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