Date: December 30, 2020

To: ABS QE Certified PED Material Manufacturers

Re: PED Material Manufacturer Certification recognition post Brexit

Following the United Kingdom's (U.K.) departure from the European Union (EU) ("Brexit") on January 31, 2020 and the conclusion of the transition period that ends on December 31, 2020; this communication outlines the certification recognition of ABS Quality Evaluations Inc. (ABS QE) certified clients and those certified by ABS Group to the Pressure Equipment Directive Material Manufacturer Certification program.

Post Brexit, Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) Material Manufacturers (MM) who are certified and use their ISO 9001 (or IATF, or AS9100) certification to demonstrate product conformity towards the Pressure Equipment Directive will require their PED MM certification to be granted by a conformity assessment body within the European Union member states. ABS QE, in affiliation with ABS Group, as an organization with offices internationally will make available revised PED MM certificates on January 1, 2021 which will be recognized in the European Union. The registered office will change from ABS Group Ltd. in the United Kingdom to ABS Services Ltd. based in Spain.

Certificates will be made available for immediate access in the ABS QE Client Directory on January 1, 2021. (https://www.eagle.org/qenetcert/ECert.Abs_ccd1). Regional ABS-QE offices will be sending electronic copies of revised PED MM certificates to each certified client beginning in the New Year.

Please note that ISO 9001 (or IATF, or AS9100) certificates will remain globally valid, regardless of Brexit. ISO is an international standards body and not associated to the European Union. ISO standards are therefore unaffected by Brexit. As an International Accreditation Forum (IAF) MLA signatory; our ANSI National Accreditation Board Accreditation (ANAB) accredited management system approvals will continue to be recognized post Brexit.

ABS Quality Evaluation's Inc. is committed to ensure that our clients have access to bring their products and services to market both in the EU, the UK and worldwide. Please contact your regional ABS-QE office for any questions and issues or communicate by email at certification@abs-qe.com.

Sincerely,

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