ANNEXURE – II

ISO/TC 176

Introduction:
ISO/TC 176 is the "umbrella" committee under which the ISO 9000 series of quality management and quality assurance standards are being developed. There are three Subcommittees (SC), one Working Group, and three Task Groups under ISO/TC 176 that are producing standards and guidance documents in the areas of:

| SC 1 | Concepts and Terminology |
| SC 2 | Quality Systems |
| SC 3 | Supporting Technologies |
| ATG | Task Group Automotive Quality Systems Pilot Project with the IATF (International Automotive Task Force) |
| WG | Interpretations |
| STTG | Spanish Translations Task Group |
| ATTG | Arabic Translations Task Group |

Scope:

The Scope of ISO/TC 176, Quality management and quality assurance is:

Standardisation in the field of generic quality management, including quality systems, quality assurance, and generic supporting technologies, including standards which provide guidance on the selection and use of these standards. Excluded: preparation of standards related to specific products/services or industry sectors.

Vision, Mission and Key Strategies:

The vision of ISO/TC 176 is that, through its worldwide acceptance and use, the ISO 9000 family of standards will provide an effective means for improving the performance of individual organisations and providing confidence to people and organisations that products (goods and services) will meet their expectations, thereby enhancing trade, global prosperity and individual well-being.

ISO/TC 176's mission is to:

- Identify and understand user needs in the field of quality management;
- Develop standards that respond effectively to the expectations of users;

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• Support implementation of these standards; and
• Facilitate meaningful evaluation of the resulting implementations using the ISO process to achieve international consensus and compatibility with other ISO/IEC management standards.

The ISO/TC 176 Key Strategies to achieve this vision and mission are:

1. Provide for a clear understanding of the role of quality in relation to the management (leading and operating) of an organisation and the application of related concepts and principles.
2. Minimise proliferation of standards within the ISO 9000 family.
3. Work towards minimising the proliferation of standards in the field of quality management developed externally to TC 176 using a joint and cooperative approach with the ISO/IEC Technical Committees and other bodies involved.
4. Ensure the integrity of the ISO 9000 family of standards and provide for the integrity of their implementation and of the evaluation of their implementation.
5. Maximise usefulness of the ISO 9000 family of standards, facilitating effective implementation together with other ISO/IEC management system standards, using a joint and cooperative approach with the other Technical Committees involved.

Membership:

Membership in ISO/TC 176, like that of every ISO technical committee, is made up of Participating (P) members, Observing (O) members, and Liaison (L) organisations. Countries are usually represented by their respective national standards organisations. Application for member status must be made to the ISO Central Secretariat. As of August 2001, ISO/TC 176 has 66 "P" members, 18 "O" members, and 46 "L" organisations.
Structure of the Committee:

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