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IAEG provides insights to companies preparing for transition to the updated ISO 14001 standard.

Warrendale, PA, February 13, 2017—Utilizing the breadth and scope of its membership, the International Aerospace Environmental Group (IAEG) has developed a document to help organizations transition their environmental management systems (EMS) to the most recent ISO 14001 standard (dated Sept. 15, 2015).

Moving from ISO 14001:2004 certification to the 2015 standard can be a daunting process. The updated standard goes beyond pollution prevention, requiring companies to demonstrate leadership commitment and adopt a “lifecycle” approach to determine the scope of their EMS. Each company must evaluate which aspects of a product lifecycle included within the EMS can be controlled or influenced.

This document has been produced by a working group drawn from the IAEG membership and supported by Ramboll Environ. It provides commentary on:

- The importance of the changes and what is required
- The applicability of the changes to the aerospace sector
- Considerations aerospace organizations can take to implement the changes
- Specific examples and case studies

“Environmental management systems help businesses improve performance and reduce their overall environmental footprint,” said Nick Garson, Boeing EHS project manager and IAEG work group leader. “This document will help aerospace and defence businesses around the world save money and time while complying with the operational requirements. It’s a win-win.”

Developing an EMS in accordance with ISO 14001:2015 may support the improvement and innovation of products and services, place greater emphasis on opportunities over risks and facilitate supply chain cooperation. Ultimately, the EMS may also play a greater role in securing the long term viability of aerospace organisations and the industry, as well as encouraging more sustainable business models.

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“The publication of this document is another example of the aerospace and defence industry working together through IAEG to encourage continual improvement across the industry and its supply chains,” said Sally Gestautas, Global Substances Program Manager at Raytheon and IAEG Board Chair.

Since its creation in 2011, IAEG has more than doubled in size. Its members generate more than 50 percent of the total aerospace industry sales. IAEG solutions, like the Transitioning to ISO14001:2015 document, can reduce compliance costs within the aerospace industry’s supply chain by improving consistency.

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