



July 2, 2008

Subject: **ISO 9001:2008 DIS Version**

Dear KEMA-Registered Quality Clients,

ISO is in the midst of revising the ISO 9001:2000 standard. It is likely that the new standard will be issued in late 2008 or early 2009. It is also very likely that there will be an extensive transition period.

KEMA has been an invited contributor to the standard evaluation process. We recently made comments on the Draft International Standard [DIS version]. The objective of this validation process is to get feedback from users on how well the draft standard meets customer's expectations. When new versions of standards are developed, they go through a number of development stages prior to publication. The DIS level is near the end of the development process. The results of this validation process will provide valuable input for the development of the final standard.

We thought it would be useful to inform our customers of the changes being contemplated.

The next version of ISO 9001 will be an amendment to the current version, which means the changes will be comparatively small. The main objectives of the amendment of ISO 9001 are to improve clarity, remove ambiguities that required formal interpretations of the standard, and increase compatibility with ISO 14001:2004.

We have attached the template used for comment. It is provided for your review and information. The first page of the template details which clauses have been changed, the current ISO 9001:2000 text, and the draft amended text. We trust this advance information on the likely form of the final document will be of value to you.

Unless specifically required by the IAF and/or our accreditation body, there will be little or no auditing required by KEMA to assess the changes.

For your information,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Sheehan". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lauren Sheehan
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