



STATEMENT FROM CEO

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Bureau Veritas is a world leader in laboratory testing, inspection and certification services. Created in 1828, the Group has around 75000 employees located in more than 1400 offices and laboratories around the globe.

Our strategically-placed regional hubs provide customer support and share knowledge relevant to local markets—allowing us to provide services of the same high standard in every country, continually strengthen client relationships and better ensure their success.

Certification to internationally recognized management standards enables your organization to continuously improve. We provide the certification and training services you need to reduce risk and inspire confidence.

Management systems are critical to your business success: they provide the framework of policies and processes that ensures your company achieves its objectives and reduces risk in specific areas. Certification of these systems by a third party ensures your company is internationally recognized standards.

We provide services in three core areas:

**Independent certification of management systems:** We support you to improve organizational performance and mitigate risks via certification to standards published by ISO and other bodies.

**Customized audits:** We make sure you comply with international and/or internal standards on a range of topics, such as social responsibility, quality, and brand conformity.

**Training:** We provide training programs that develop your employees' competences on a variety of topics to a required international and/or internal standard.

**On 15 September 2018 all ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 certificates will expire and will no longer be valid.**

When transition activities are successfully completed prior to 15 September 2018, the expiry date of the new certification can be based on the expiry date of the existing certification. The issue date on a new certificate shall be on or after the certification decision.

If the Bureau Veritas Certification has not completed the transition audit or the certification body is unable to verify the implementation of corrections and corrective actions for any major non conformity prior to 15 September 2018, then certification to the new versions shall not be recommended. The client will be without a valid certificate, shall be informed, and the consequences shall be explained.

Based on the IAF Technical Committee deliberation, if audit has started before 15 September 2018 but certification process has not been completed, there will be a possibility to issue a certificate at a later date without having to re-do the audit: "Following 15 September 2018,



the Bureau Veritas Certification can issue certification to the new versions within 6 months (15 March 2019) provided that the audit process has been initiated(\*) by 15 September 2018 and the outstanding transition activities are completed. The effective date on the certificate shall be on or after the certification decision and the expiry date shall be based on prior certification cycle. If after six months the transition actions have not been completed, an initial audit must be performed.”

As we *move forward with confidence*©.

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