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As a valued member of the electrical industry, we wanted to be the first to inform you that on June 23, 2008, OSHA issued a notice in the Federal Register that effectively withdrew recognition of eti Conformity Services (etiCS or eti) as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). While this action removes eti from OSHA's list of approved NRTLs, it does not change our ability to perform field evaluation work.

In the late 70's, eti began to perform safety inspections of electrical equipment. Over the years these inspections became known as field evaluations or 3rd party inspections. During the past 30 years, eti has performed more than 10,000 field evaluations. Providing these services has been an integral part of our business and our success. In 1995, partly based on eti's experience and capabilities to perform field evaluations, eti decided to expand its conformity services to include listing services. In order to provide those services, OSHA requires all service providers to be approved as an NRTL. eti applied for NRTL status in 1992 and after rigorous review of eti's qualifications, was approved in October of 1995. At about the same time, Emerson acquired eti. As a requirement under the guidelines of OSHA, all companies designated as an NRTL must be an independent testing laboratory. At that time, eti's new ownership did not affect our status as an approved NRTL. Then in 1999, in accordance with OSHA regulations applicable to NRTL certification, eti applied to OSHA for renewal of NRTL certification. After a lengthy evaluation taking almost 10 years, OSHA withdrew recognition of eti as an NRTL.

As stated in the notice, OSHA's denial was due solely to their interpretation of administrative rules relating to Emerson's ownership of Electrical Reliability Services, Inc., dba eti Conformity Services ("eti"). Specifically the issue related to eti's independence from Emerson. Eti has procedures and policies in place that prevent eti from performing conformity work for any other Emerson company or subsidiary. Eti is unaware of any projects where inspectors, customers or manufacturers found any issue relating to bias or lack of independence. And OSHA made no claim that eti showed a lack of independence on any project. In addition, OSHA found no technical or other performance-related issues as a cause for their decision.

Throughout this time, eti has remained committed to quality, safety, and compliance in this highly regulated industry. Although eti is no longer an approved NRTL, eti is well qualified to perform field evaluation work and will continue to provide these services to support our valued customers.

For additional information regarding eti's history and the methods it has implemented to ensure it continues to perform compliance work without conflict of interest, bias or other pressure, please visit our website at www.eticonformity.com.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information from us at this time.

Sincerely,



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