Questions on the ISA WG position statement on Independent Environment Assurance (IEA) and its relation to Independent Safety Assurance (ISA) activities

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document lists a set of questions relating to the position paper drafted by the ISA Working Group (WG). The questions are intended to gain feedback on the position being proposed by the ISA WG with respect to IEA, to be collected following a webinar on this topic (part of a series of planned webinars on topics being worked on by the ISA Working Group). The ISA WG will then analyse the responses and use them to produce future updates to the position paper.

1.2 Scope

The focus of the questions contained in this document is to gather opinion on the proposed position being presented by the ISA WG towards IEA. It is recognised that the two activities are often carried in parallel, requiring the ISA and IEA to work closely. From the perspective of an organisation providing guidance on ISA activities, it is therefore being considered whether the scope of the ISA WG should / could be expanded its activities to include the development of guidance on IEA activities.

It is likely that there may be different views on the relationships between the two roles from different industries, and from the different disciplines. It is therefore the objective of this questionnaire to gather opinion from these different groups.

In assessing the ‘value’ of the views being presented, we ask that you identify your role. If you have a foot in both the safety and environmental camps, then please feel free to provide two answers but please keep them separate.

1.3 Format

Section 2 presents the questions which will help us to evaluate your views on this topic.

Please be as specific as you can within the constraints of commercial and security confidentiality.
2 Webinar Supporting Questionnaire

2.1 General information

- Which market sector do you work in (Civil Aviation, Military Aviation, Defence, Transport, Health Services/products, Energy, Gas and Oil, Petrochemical, Automotive)?
- Are you an end user, a tier 1 or tier 2 supplier; other…?
- Are you a commissioner, receiver or provider of assurance / audit services?
- Have you direct experience of an ISA process? If yes, then please provide some context (i.e. team member, manager, safety engineer).

2.2 Relationship between Safety and Environmental Assurance

- Would you consider that the general guidance on independence, competence and assurance / audit approach are broadly similar within the ISA and IEA fields?
- Do you consider that there are clear boundaries between the environmental and safety disciplines?
- The concept of risk is common to both the safety and environmental disciplines, can they therefore be assured / audited using common approaches?

2.3 ISA WG position

- Would you consider that the ISA WG are an appropriate organisation to be advising other technical areas of industry looking to provide independent assurance services?
- Whilst IEMA provide a formal scheme for environmental auditors, do you consider a similar scheme should be in place for safety auditors? Should a body such as the ISA WG being looking to implement such a scheme?

2.4 ISA WG position

- Having reviewed the Position Paper, do you have any comments?

END- Thank you for completing this survey. Please send your completed survey to SEP@theiet.org.