Commitment of the Rail Industry

Background

The European Rail Industry launched the IRIS initiative in May 2006. Consequently, the four system integrators – Alstom Transport, AnsaldoBreda, Bombardier Transportation and Siemens Transport - have signed a commitment which states that their companies will no more audit the business management system of IRIS certified companies.

Definitions

It is important to understand clearly the definition of ISO 9000 on the following terms used in the field of the related activities:

Audit: systematic, independent and documented process for obtaining audit evidence and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which audit criteria are fulfilled.

Management system: set of interrelated or interacting elements to establish policy and objectives and to achieve those objectives.
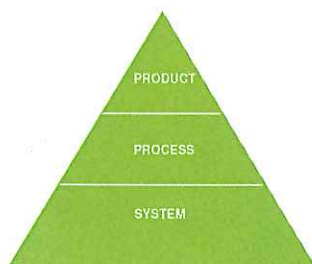
Process: set of interrelated or interacting activities which transform inputs into outputs.

Product: result of a process.

Audit levels

Audits are launched at several levels in the relation between customers and suppliers.

There are basically three main levels:

A business relation is based on strong foundations managed through a robust business management **system**.

The customer projects, subjects of orders, are managed on hand of strictly applied business management **processes**.

The **products** are assessed towards their related agreed requirements specifications.

Each audit level requires dedicated tools/questionnaires in order to reach efficient assessments avoiding redundancy (scopes, resources, time), in particular no mix up of system audit scope within process and product audits.

Approach

The following matrix provides definitions and application criteria for the above mentioned audit levels:

		Project Audit	
	System audit	**Process audit**	**Product audit**
Scope of audit	Business Management System (Business management process landscape and its implementation throughout the entire organization) IRIS scope of activity (not included: financial aspects, HSE, …)	Evidence of front- to - end operational process performance for a specific project/product (Focus on but not limited to special processes)	Evidence of final product compliance to requirements
Phase	Evaluation for entry into "approved supplier register" (not related to project)	-Supplier selection for a specific project/product -Project execution	Project execution
Trigger	-NEW NON-IRIS certified supplier -Expired NON IRIS certified supplier -Not to be applied at all for suppliers, who are IRIS certified in the needed scope	-Supplier selection process for a specific project/product -Supplier development initiatives -Production process readiness -Performance issues of supplier	-Production readiness -First delivery / First Assembly -Start of serial delivery -Major changes in the realization process -Non Conformities
Objective	Ensure only mature suppliers in the company's "approved supplier register"	Ensure supplier operational process capabilities for a specific project/product	Ensure product compliance
Decision	Entry of the supplier in the company "approved supplier register"	-Quality approval for Purchase Order placement -Operational process improvement as an answers of a performance issue	-Approval for 1st part production -Approval for 1st delivery -Approval for serial delivery -Approval for major changes in the realization process

The targeted suppliers for an IRIS Certification may be defined by taking into account criteria such as (without priorities):

- Product criticality or any other technical risk
- Strategic suppliers,
- Purchase spent volume,
- Long term contract,
- Design activity,
- Performance

Deployment

Following the commitment signed on May 18th, 2006, this commitment confirms irrevocably that a system audit will not be performed in an IRIS certified site.

This commitment shall be widely communicated in the industry organisations:

- Internally: at all levels of quality and purchasing organisation
- Externally: to suppliers, partners and customers.

In case of deviation towards this commitment, the affected companies are encouraged to solve the issue among themselves. In case no agreement can be found, the IRIS Management Centre shall be informed.
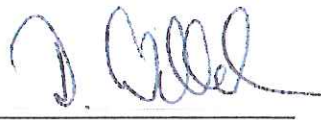
Commitment

The below undersigning members of the UNIFE Presiding Board herewith declare officially and bindingly that on their part no business management system audits will be initiated and/or performed at suppliers having a valid IRIS certificate in strict application of the above mentioned rules.

All other UNIFE members are expected to structure their auditing processes according to the above mentioned three audit levels and to formally apply this commitment.
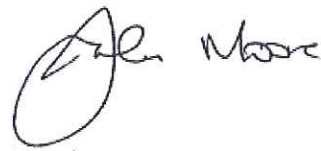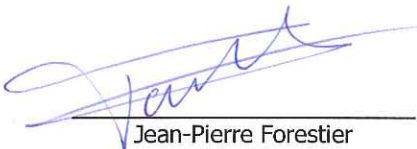
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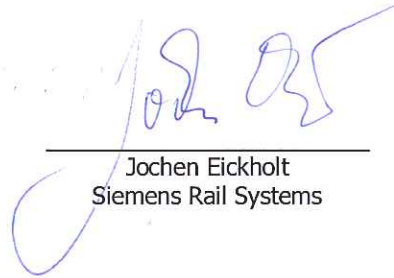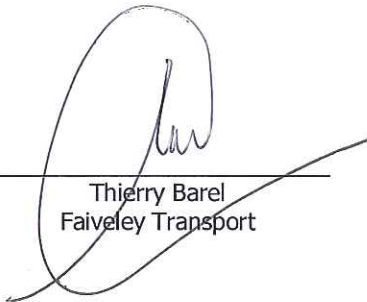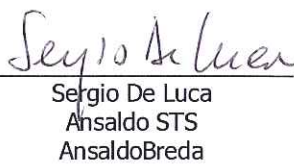|		
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IRIS Commitment of System Integrators

- The four System integrators:

  - **Bombardier Transportation**

  - Alstom Transport

  - AnsaldoBreda

  - Siemens Transportation Systems

Committed (2006-05-18) to recognized IRIS certificates and therefore to not initiate business management system audits at companies having a valid IRIS certificate.

IRIS Certification

Geneva, May 18, 2006

IRIS
International Railway Industry Standard

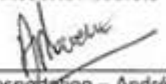Commitment of System Integrators

The System Integrators of the IRIS initiative (Alstom Transport, AnsaldoBreda, Bombardier Transportation and Siemens Transportation Systems) herewith declare officially and bindingly that on their part no business management system audits will be initiated and/or performed at Equipment Manufacturers having a valid IRIS certificate.

Project and/or product audits are not part of this commitment.

Signed:

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Bombardier Transportation – André Navarri

Siemens Transportation Systems – Hans-Martin Schabert