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SENT BY EMAIL

Re: ICAR Certificate of Quality for LOM KCHZ LR

Dear Director Sobolewski,

Our President Dr. Hans Wilmink, has as a matter of priority, asked me specifically to review and respond to your letter to ICAR dated 20/06/16.

First of all at the outset let me apologise, if, in our efforts to streamline and improve the Certificate of Quality Process, we have caused any confusion to you as a valued ICAR member – that is not our intention.

To reassure you, here are some clarifications:

Expiry Date

The original Certificate of Quality granted to LOM KCHZ was due to expire on January 2016. After your successful Consultative Review in November 2015 we granted you a new Certificate which should have extended the period by a further two years to December 2017 but when sent to you it contained an error and it read an expiry date of June 2018. Due to the confusion caused we are willing to now to honour this date and grant this certificate until June 2018. So please continue to use this June 2018 Certificate (attached). The ICAR Secretariat has also changed the website to reflect this June 2018 expiry date for LOM KCHZ.

Audit Schedule

Based on this now expiry date of June 2018 we would normally schedule a visit some three to four months beforehand. So we will look at March or April 2018 as the timeframe for that visit audit for LOM KCHZ. The ICAR secretariat will work with you on exact dates and as regards costs they are available on ICAR website for all members.

Certificate of Quality Process - Pilots

ICAR continues to review its processes to make them more streamlined and robust. In the Pre-release phase of the new Certificate of Quality, one key quality step was to run some pilots of our new Consultative Review in November 2015 ahead of the planned January 2016 release. So we

asked three members, namely, NMR (UK), ACP (Finland) and your LOM KCHZ (Poland) to be 'pilot auditees' for the new Consultative Review Process. We appreciate these three members were our 'test cases' and with their help and feedback (special thanks to your Dr Dorota Krencik in this regard) we used that experience to make the Certificate of Quality standard operating procedures more robust for other members. After approval by the ICAR Board in November 2015 this new Certificate of Quality standard operating procedure was released and communicated to all members in the December 2015 Newsletter and in a letter to all Certificate of Quality holder members in January 2016.

We thank LOM KCHZ for the patience and feedback in to help ICAR to improve the Certification process.

If you have any further queries don't hesitate to ask and we look forward to your continued support in the years to come

Yours Respectfully,



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