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SWISS TESTING LABS

(former GSDL)

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I Name, Place and aim of the Society

Art 1

Under the name « Swiss Testing Labs » there is a Society for an undefined duration according to Art. 60 and follows of the Swiss Civil Legislation Book. The place of the Association is in Bern.

Art. 2

« Swiss Testing Labs » is the Association of main famous Swiss Labs for prestations on the analytical field.

Swiss Testing Labs has the aim for estimation and promote the professional, social and economical interests of their members.

The Association promotes the collaboration between their members.

Art. 3

Swiss Testing Labs has specially the following tasks :

- a) Creation of a collective « visit card » and « platform » of the Swiss branch of Laboratories, international and national,
- b) Insure a first public center for informations and links for presentation of arisen problems,
- c) Create possible and promoval meetings on professional and social fields between the members
- d) Treat specific questions from the members in specific professional commissions relative

to relevant professional groups and authorities.

II Membership

Art. 4

A natural or juridic person who has a Laboratory Plant located in Switzerland or in the Principality of Liechtenstein may become an active member of Swiss Testing Labs, provide that he uses at least a system of management of quality rekognised. Other juridic of natural persons may be accepted as passive member.

The label « Swiss Testing Labs » can only be used from Labs, what

- a) have been active during at least 5 years on the Swiss Market,
- b) their prestations of service are furnished on a major part by their own Lab in Switzerland

Art .5

¹ The demand for admission in Swiss Testing Labs has to be made at their trading place. It must be accompanied by informations about nature and number of proposed scientific prestations of service, qualification and number of employed people, such as about the instrumental equipment.

² If the Lab, looking for acceptation of the membership is not known from the members in place, the President or another member will be mandate to check carefully the requesting Lab and present an adequate proposition to the comitee. The latter will decide about accepting the membership or not.

Aet. 6

A demission of the quality of member can be declared by recorded letter to the Trade place of Swiss Testing Labs provide respecting a delay of 6 monthes prior to become effevtive and fot thr end of a calender year.

Art. 7

¹ The general assembly decides about exclusion of members.

² The comitee is entitled after contact with the concerned member, to make to the General Assembly the proposition of exclusion, if the member nevertheless to given repeated requests, does not satisfy the financial obligations or does not satisfy the requests of quality, according to art. 3, point 2 of the statutes.

Art. 8

1 Demission and exclusion will not liberate from fulfillment of pendent financial obligations for the current contability year.

2 Demissionated and excluded Labs have no rights on the fortune of the Association.

III Finances

Art. 9

The General Assembly decides every year about the amount of membership contributions to be paid. The General Assembly is entitled to request extraordinary payments in special cases.

Art. 10

For debts of Swiss Testing Labs the fortune of the Association is only redeemable with every exclusion of responsibility of the members.

A latter request for further payments is excluded.

IV Organisation

Art. 11

The organs of Swiss Testing Labs are

- a) The General Assembly
- b) The committee
- c) The supervision place
- d) The professional commissions by branch.

Art. 12

a) The General Assembly

¹ The General Assembly is the highest instance of the Association. There will be a meeting once a year normally and in an extraordinary mode after respective decision of the committee upon request of at least 1/5 of the members together.

² The convocation to the General Assembly is made by writing with information about the items to be treated, at least 3 weeks prior to the date of the Assembly.

³ Each active member is entitled to vote.

⁴ The General Assembly renders his decision with the majority of the votes given (except art. 18 and 19).

⁵ In the case of elections the absolute majority is relevant. If several candidates are present for the vote and if in one turn no candidate reaches the absolute majority, the candidate with the less votes will be discarded; when there are only two candidates for choice, the simple majority is relevant.

⁶ Elections and important votes may also be made confidentially after adequate decision of the General Assembly.

The President, and in case of indisponibility another member of the comitee will conduct the General Assembly.

Art 13

The General Assembly has following competitions :

- a) Acceptation of current finanfial results of wins and losses such as the balance or, if occurs,
the decision in relation to the use of the net wins.
- b) Definition of the annual fees to be paid by the members, such as eventually other extraor-
dinary fees.
- c) Election of the comitee and supervisors
- d) Acceptance of the Budget
- e) Decision about formations of professional commission groups by branch
- f) Decisions about modification of the statutes and dissolution of the Association.

The comitee

Art. 14

¹ The comitee will be elected by the General Assembly for a duration of three years. The comitee consists at least of a President and two other members. The members of the comitee are reelegible after the end of their contractual duration of activity. The President will be elected by the General Assembly. Furthermore the comitee will be constituted by himself.

² The President and in case of indisponibility another member of the comitee ensure the convocations for the comitee meetings and in the name of the comitee the Genelal Assembly. The comitee is the representation of the Society for abroad.

³ The juridical valid signature for the Sociery is in the hands of members of the comitee, as a collective signature by twice.

⁴ If a member of the comitee prior to the end of duration of activity is no longer member, due to his departure from the firm who has named him, thr firm proposes a successor. The successor enters for the rest of activity duration of his predecessor.

Art 15

The comitee leads the Association and has to conduct following activities :

- a) To propose the trades of the General Assembly and to record their decisions,
- b) To present to the General Assembly the financial results of wins and losts, the balance, such as a proposition for a budget to be accepted,
- c) To take in account the interests of the Association ans to prepare to the General Assembly reports and requests for all questions that seems to be important,

d) To treat all questions regarding administrative work, financial items and current trades of the Association.

Furthermore the comitee takes care of all the competences which are not given to another organs.

Supervisor

The General Assembly define every two years the supervisor organ. Its aim is to check the yearly accounts and to give at the next ordinary General Assembly by writing a report and a request to treat is,

Art 17

Professionally groups by branches

1. Concerning the formation of professional groups by branches the decisions are taken by the General Assembly.
2. The profesional groups by branches will be conducted by a member of zhe comitee, furthermore they will constitute themselves. Regarding the costs of the project to be accepted, the involving firms gives advises. Member not involved will not be invoiced.

Art 18

A partial of total revision of the statutes will be initiated by the comitee or if 1/5 of the members request it. The revision will be decided by the General Assenbly with a majority of 2/3 of the voting members.

Art 19

- 1 The dissolution of Swiss Testing Labs can only be decided by a majority of 2/3 of the voting members. For this aim a special General Assembly hat to be convoked with only this trade to be treated.
2. Regarding the case of the fortune of the Association, the General Assembly who treats the dissolution of the Association will decide.
3. The liquidation will be made by the comitee if no otger decision has been taken by the General Assenbly for which a majorthy of 2/3 of the given votes would decide to delegate it to other people.

V Entry in forceArt. 20

These statutes enter in force after acceptance from the General Assembly of 2009.
They replace the statutes of January 22, 1993.

Place, date

Swiss Testing Labs

The President :

The Secretary :