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Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2014 2:25 AM
To: Anne Caldas
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Subject: IBR portal to be launched by The Standards Institution of Israel

Dear Anne,

Please be advised that SII has decided to launch a SII IBR Portal, an online website for free, read-only access to voluntary standards that have been incorporated by reference into Israeli legislation, or have become mandatory in Israel after being proclaimed as "official standards". This web site will operate in the same manner the ANSI IBR portal does.

This decision has been held since a class action has been lodged against SII claiming that SII is obliged to distribute all standards to the Israeli public in consideration of the actual cost of producing the copies and to enable the public to print and copy the standards free of charge.

SII based its defense, inter alia, on its obligations to the SDOs (standard developing organizations) not to allow any distribution of free copies of the standards SII has adopted.

The case has been argued before the Israeli Supreme Court, which has recommended to the parties to settle the case if SII will agree to establish the above mentioned portal in the same manner that ANSI has done, in accordance with an agreement between ANSI and the international SDOs.

I also attach as an annex a list of standards of your organization that are binding by Israeli law, which SII wishes to include in the portal.

SII has already obtained the consent of ISO and IEC to include in the portal their standards as well as CEN and CENELEC's consent in principal.

In view of the above, SII asks for your consent to include the ANSI standards in the portal.

If you need any further information please contact attorney Yoram Samuel who represents SII in this class action and in the contacts with the SDOs regarding the portal. His e-mail address is yoram@samuel-law.co.il.

Best regards,
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