



## **Memorandum of Understanding between the Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards (VAMAS) and the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission)**

This MoU concerns cooperation at the international level on the use of the results of pre-standardization research on advanced materials in the development of International Standards. It replaces the previous version of the agreement dated 1995-10-25.

### **1 General considerations**

- 1.1 Recognizing the role of the Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards (hereinafter referred to as VAMAS) in promoting research on the properties and performance of advanced materials in laboratory and service conditions, and in promoting the development of unified test methods through international collaborative projects aimed at providing the technical basis for drafting codes of practice and specifications for advanced materials;
- 1.2 Recognizing the role of the International Electrotechnical Commission (hereinafter referred to as IEC) in the development and publication of International Standards;
- 1.3 The Chairman of the Steering Committee of VAMAS and the IEC General Secretary and CEO, on behalf of their respective organizations, agree to the following principles to govern cooperation between the two organizations in all areas where their functions and activities are complementary and mutually supportive.
- 1.4 For the purposes of this MoU both VAMAS and IEC agree to interpret the term “advanced materials” as referring to materials whose advanced nature lies in their electrical, electronic or electrical insulation properties.

### **2 Cooperation**

- 2.1 VAMAS undertakes through its technical working areas to prepared guidelines to accelerate the establishment of standards on advanced materials through pre-standardization research permitting to identify those aspects most suitable to the characterization and testing of advanced materials. Guidelines ready for provisional application may be offered to IEC of publication.
- 2.2 When VAMAS guidelines are at a stage of development permitting their use as “prospective standards for provisional application” in a specific field of advanced materials, IEC will consider through its approval process, to publish them as Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) or any other suitable process, and disseminate them through its distribution process. The approval process for IEC deliverables are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. Generally the guidelines will be passed to the most appropriate TC/SC concerned. In other cases, IEC may consider setting up a Project Committee (PC) to process the documents.

IEC expresses a special interest to receive from VAMAS guidelines covering fields of advanced materials in which there is an urgent need for guidance on how standards should be used to meet an identified need. Those guidelines should be proposed for provisional application so that information and experience of their use in practice may be gathered.

- 2.3 IEC shall circulate comments on any of the publications concerned to VAMAS as well as to the committee handling the document, with a view to continuation of the pre-standardization research, or to their introduction into the formal process of International Standards development.

### 3 Practical considerations

- 3.1 The foreword and cover of IEC PAS (or any other deliverable) developed in accordance with clause 2 of this MoU shall give appropriate recognition to VAMAS as the originator.
- 3.2 The foreword of International Standards developed from such IEC PAS (or other deliverable) shall give appropriate recognition to the role of VAMAS in the development of such International Standards.
- 3.3 Formal requests from VAMAS are directed to and accepted by the IEC General Secretary and CEO.

### 4 Effective date

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon signature by the Chairman of the Steering Committee of VAMAS and by the IEC General Secretary and CEO. This MoU may be terminated by either party by giving written notice at least one year in advance.



For VAMAS

Graham D Sims

Chairman of the Steering Committee

Date: 2nd July 2014.



For IEC

Frans Vreeswijk

General Secretary and CEO

Date: