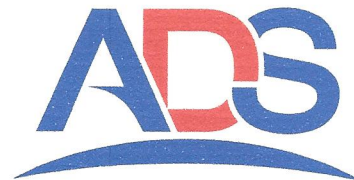


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*Dear James,*

I write as the Chairman of the Security in Complex Environments Group (SCEG), which as you know was originally established to raise standards and professionalism across the Private Security Company (PSC) sector. Since its creation SCEG has been heavily involved in this work and recently we were able to celebrate the first UK PSCs accredited to PSC1-2012 and ISO PAS 28,007.

I understand that at the recent UKAS/BSI Reception at the House of Lords on 7 July 2014 that you identified three recent areas of success for UKAS. I gather that you mentioned that one of these areas was the accreditation of Certification Bodies (CBs) to certify companies to PSC1-2012 and ISO PAS 28,007.

I write to congratulate you in UKAS on having the courage and resolution to bring certification to this complex sector. The world is not a stable place in 2014 and the drive for professional, auditable standards is essential to our business sector. In SCEG we believe that certification for the private security sector is a game changer, be it for maritime or land based companies.

Several companies within SCEG have now certified to PSC1-2012 or ISO 28007 with more in the process. But none of this would have been possible without strong UKAS leadership to drive the process forward. I believe that as a direct result the UK is seen as a world leader in this area. Clients will see certification as highly desirable in 2014 and essential in 2015 and beyond. Already we have seen O&G majors ask the question about whether firms are PSC1-2012 aware, self-accredited or externally certified. This is very good news for us all.

This work has a greater impact than just here in the UK. This initiative is levelling the global playing field between UK and foreign security companies. The link between certification to PSC1-2012 and/or ISO PAS 28007 and membership of the International code of Conduct Association (ICOC(A)) is being developed to raise worldwide PSC standards. Furthermore the UKAS qualification of independent CBs and their robust audits regimes has done much to allay Civil Society's concerns about the whole question of PSC regulation via international standards.

Please pass on my congratulations to David Hayward and all UKAS staff for their contribution to the process of raising the overall standards of PSCs worldwide.

*Yours sincerely  
Andrew*