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### 1. General overview

The purpose of this document is to establish a set of instructions relevant to the quality inspection of items/goods purchased by GE Oil & Gas under a First Piece/Pilot lot Qualification process type A and B, as defined in ARSB-O&G-001 Supplier Quality Requirements.

### 2. Scope

This document is incorporated by reference in the GE Oil & Gas purchase order and it is fully applicable to suppliers of direct materials, used in GE Oil & Gas to supply goods and/or services, under qualification process of type A and B, as specified above.

It is Suppliers responsibility to implement all necessary actions in order to comply with therequirements set froth herein.

### 3. Applicable Documents

The following documents form part of this document to the extent they are referenced herein.

#### 3.1.1 GE Oil & Gas Documents

ARSB-O&G-001 Supplier Quality Requirement

#### 3.1.2 International Standards

ISO 9001 Latest revision - Quality Management Systems Requirements

### 4. Definitions

#### 4.1 Entities

- **Supplier** - Unless stated otherwise, shall mean a corporation, company, partnership, sole proprietorship or individual with whom GE Oil&Gas places a purchase order.
- **Purchaser** - The GE Oil&Gas business or its business associate.
- **Sourcing Quality Engineer (SQE)** - GE Oil&Gas representative who establishes the qualification and production quality requirements, and is the key interface with the



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supplier's counterpart for qualifications, process improvements, nonconforming material dispositions, corrective actions, and surveillance auditing.

- **Sourcing Representative** - GE Oil&Gas representative who negotiates price, delivery date, terms and conditions, and issues the purchase order for qualification purposes. The Sourcing Representative is also the contact person between the supplier and GE Oil&Gas.

#### 4.2 Other Definitions

- **Kick Off Meeting** – Meeting between GE Oil&Gas and Supplier, in order to clarify the qualification requirements. The outcome of Kick Off Meeting is documented by a summary detailing the specific requirements the Supplier must fulfill to successfully complete the qualification.
- **Direct Material** – Material purchased for use on a job with GE Oil&Gas' end customer and identified in the Bill of Material.
- **First Piece Qualification (FPQ)** – Type of qualification process that requires the Supplier to manufacture a first piece of the item as outlined in the applicable GE Oil&Gas' specifications and/or as defined by the appropriate Sourcing Quality and Engineering ("SQE") personnel. First Piece Qualification documentation must be submitted to GE Oil&Gas for review and approval. Upon successful completion of the FPQ, a Supplier may request release of the material for shipment to GE Oil&Gas. Confirmation of this release must be documented and placed with the item to be shipped, as well as retained for the Supplier's record. Materials shipped without written authorization from the SQE will be considered non conforming material and will be rejected at Supplier's expense, which shall be liable, among other things, for required extra works.
- **Inspection** – It means the verification process of conformity of the goods supplied.
- **Pilot Lot Qualification (PLQ)** - A pilot production lot may be required as determined by GE Oil&Gas specifications or processes. In addition, the qualification team may require a pilot lot or additional pilot lots testing to verify control of the supplier's processes upon final qualification.
- **Inspection and Test Plan (ITP)** – List of all inspection activities including applicable specifications, acceptance criteria, attendees (GE Oil&Gas, third party, GE Oil&Gas's end customer) and GE attendance level for each inspection.
- **Supplier** - Organization or person that provides a product.



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### 4.3 Other Acronyms

- **ITP** – Inspection and Test Plan
- **NDT** - Non-Destructive Testing
- **PO** - Purchase Order
- **QMS** - Quality Management System
- **FPQ** – First Piece Qualification
- **PLQ** – Pilot Lot Qualification
- **SDR** – Supplier Deviation Request

4.4 Any other terms not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to them in ARSB-O&G-001 Supplier Quality Requirement.

## 5. **Guideline for FPQ/PLQ inspection**

For PO line subjected to GE Oil&Gas qualification process, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the SQE, the following test shall be repeated:

### 5.1 **Testing activities to be repeated on duplicated specimen at a 3rd party lab (Laboratory Tests)**

Only for qualification purposes, Destructive Tests as per table 1 shall be repeated, where applicable, by GE Oil&Gas third party approved laboratory.

A set of coupon shall be sent by the Supplier to the laboratory indicated by GE Oil&Gas to allow tests' repetition according to 6.4 below. Specimen shipment and testing shall be notified according to 6.5.

### 5.2 **Testing activities to be repeated at Supplier site by GE approved third party (NDT)**

Only for qualification purposes, Non Destructive Tests as per table 2 shall be repeated, where applicable.

These tests shall be repeated at Supplier site by GE Oil&Gas approved third party.

Testing results on material shall be notified according to 6.5.

### 5.3 **Coating/Painting process assessment carried out at Supplier site by GE approved third party**

Only for qualification purposes, Coating/Painting process shall be verified by GE approved third party.

Coating/Painting process assessment shall be notified according to 6.5.



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#### 6. Responsibilities of Supplier

Supplier will be solely responsible for the following activities:

- 6.1 Define, under the supervision of SQE, the Inspection Test Plan specific for the First Piece/Pilot lot Qualification item.
- 6.2 Identify, under the supervision of SQE, the quality inspections to be executed under the direct responsibility of GE Oil & Gas, defining GE Oil & Gas involvement in test activities as *"re-executed by GE"*.
- 6.3 Define a suitable and sustainable inspection schedule.
- 6.4 Arrange, prepare and execute the delivery of the material test coupons at the GE Oil & Gas Authorized third party laboratory, providing specimen serial number and reference PO line.
- 6.5 Notify, through SQE002 form, test activities defined as *"re-executed by GE"* at least 10 working days before inspection date (1 day before specimen shipment day in case of Laboratory Tests), unless otherwise agreed in writing with the SQE, in order to allow GE Oil&Gas organization to arrange for the execution of the above.

SQE002 form is available on Supplier Portal internet web page.

For each testing category (Laboratory Test, Not Destructive Test, Coating/Painting process assessment), a dedicated form SQE002 shall be sent by mail to Qualification Inspection Call Center address [SQE002.ICC@ge.com](mailto:SQE002.ICC@ge.com). Information related to GE Oil & Gas Authorized Organizations engaged to perform testing activities on behalf of GE will be provided via notification e-mail.

In case any test repetition, planned in ITP, is missed, supplier is asked to open a SDR.

During the qualification Kick Off Meeting, SQE will provide more information about notification process and test execution.



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**Table 1 – Testing activities to be repeated on duplicated samples at a 3<sup>rd</sup> party lab**

Test Category	Test Description	Attendance level	Execution place
Laboratory Test	Ladle chemical analysis*(1)	3rd party GE approved lab	3 <sup>rd</sup> party Labo
Laboratory Test	Product chemical analysis	3rd party GE approved lab	3 <sup>rd</sup> party Labo
Laboratory Test	Mechanical Properties Tensile/Yeld/Elongation	3rd party GE approved lab	3 <sup>rd</sup> party Labo
Laboratory Test	Mechanical Properties Impact Test	3rd party GE approved lab	3 <sup>rd</sup> party Labo
Laboratory Test	Micrographic Test	3rd party GE approved lab	3 <sup>rd</sup> party Labo
Laboratory Test	Hardeness on samples	3rd party GE approved lab	3 <sup>rd</sup> party Labo

\* (1): when ladle chemical analysis and product chemical analysis are both requested by applicable specifications then only a product chemical analysis needs to be executed; when only ladle chemical analysis is requested by applicable specifications then a product chemical analysis needs to be executed.

**Table 2 – Testing activities to be repeated at Supplier site by GE qualified Inspectors**

Test Category	Test Description	Attendance level	Execution place
NDT	Painting thickness measurement	Repeated by 3rd party GE approved qualified Inspector	supplier's site
NDT	Ultrasonic Test	Repeated by 3rd party GE approved qualified Inspector	supplier's site
NDT	Visual Test	Repeated by 3rd party GE approved qualified Inspector	supplier's site
NDT	Radiographic Test- film review only	Repeated by 3rd party GE approved qualified Inspector	supplier's site
NDT	Magnetic ParticlesTest (not fluorescent)	Repeated by 3rd party GE approved qualified Inspector	supplier's site
NDT	Liquid Penetrant Test (not fluorescent)	Repeated by 3rd party GE approved qualified Inspector	supplier's site
NDT	Hardness on the piece	Repeated by 3rd party GE approved qualified Inspector	supplier's site