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Attestation letter for Qualification of Special Process

Dear Supplier,

We herewith inform that the couples “special process / external shop” as detailed in the appendix have been registered in the official Airbus Qualified Special Process List (QSPL) database as qualified couples.

The latest valid status of all qualified “special process / external shop” couples is published by regular QSPL reports on Airbus homepage for Suppliers ([http://http://www.airbus.com/tools/airbusfor/suppliers](http://www.airbus.com/tools/airbusfor/suppliers)).

A qualified couple is not linked to a specific product, except for NDT cat. 1 inspection processes. It is the proof that the external shop is meeting the requirements of the process specification and process instruction and ensures industrial process reproducibility. Any specific product qualification activities e.g. product audit, First Part Qualification (FPQ) and First Article Inspection FAI are not affected by this special process couple registration

Airbus reserves the right to withdraw or suspend the qualification at any time for specific reasons, e.g.

- Lack in quality and/or delivery performance
- Change of frozen manufacturing route without prior acceptance by Airbus
- Delivery/Production stop
- Contract cessation
- Loss of Airbus Supplier Approval
- Evidence of doubts about Supplier Industrial Process effectiveness

Special Process Couples might be subject to permitted/accepted alternatives in accordance with AP5270 “Qualification Process of Couples <Special Processes / External Shop>.

Yours faithfully,

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SCQ Engineer -

Appendix: A° - Matrix of Couples <Special Process / External Shop>
B° - Matrix of Couples with Limited Scope <Special Process / External Shop>
~~C° - Matrix of Couples <Non-Special Process / external Shop>~~

Appendix A° - Matrix of Couples <Special Process / External Shop>

Glossary:

Restricted = Limited application, if applicable the couple is not published in external QSPL reports on www.airbus.com

TBD = Special Process Categorization pending

External Shop (Processor)			Process Specification (according to Airbus Definition Dossier)			Process Instruction (used for Qualification Audit)		Restricted to		Status Qualification	Limitation (if applicable)	Airbus (Reference Nr)
Company Name	City	ARP-ID	Ref. No.	Title	Special Process	Ref. No.	Title	ARP-ID	Company Name			
MIDDLETON SHEET METAL CO. LTD.	MANCHESTER	254985	ABP1-2343	SPLIT MANDREL COLD WORKING OF HOLES	YES	ABP6-3219	FABRICATION BY SUPERPLASTIC FORMING AND DIFFUSION BONDING			3 - QUALIFIED	NONE	LEGACY UK CATEGORY - 12V
MIDDLETON SHEET METAL CO. LTD.	MANCHESTER	254985	ABP6-3201	GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FABRICATION OF WROUGHT ALUMINIUM	TBD	ABP6-3201	GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FABRICATION OF WROUGHT ALUMINIUM			3 - QUALIFIED	QUALIFIED TO ABP6-3201 - HYDRAULIC PRESS FORMING (LEGACY APPROVAL CATEGORY 2R)	TW0363
MIDDLETON SHEET METAL CO. LTD.	MANCHESTER	254985	ABP6-3349	LASER CUTTING	YES	ABP6-3349	LASER CUTTING			3 - QUALIFIED	NONE	LEGACY UK CATEGORY - 12V

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Appendix B° - Matrix of Couples with Limited Scope <Special Process / External Shop>

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External Shop (Processor)			Process Specification (according to Airbus Definition Dossier)			Process Instruction (used for Qualification Audit)		Restricted to		Status Qualification	Limitation (if applicable)	Airbus (Reference Nr)
Company Name	City	ARP-ID	Ref. No.	Title	Special Process	Ref. No.	Title	ARP-ID	Company Name			
MIDDLETON SHEET METAL CO. LTD.	MANCHESTER	254985	AIPS02-02-006	COLD EXPANSION IN METALLICS - SPLIT MANDREL PROCESS	YES	ABP6-3219	FABRICATION BY SUPERPLASTIC FORMING AND DIFFUSION BONDING			9 - LIMITED SCOPE (AIPS00-00-006)	ABP1-2343 SCOPE & LIMITATIONS (REMARKS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIPS00-00-006 TABLE 4.1	LEGACY UK CATEGORY - 12V
MIDDLETON SHEET METAL CO. LTD.	MANCHESTER	254985	AIPS03-09-001	LASER CUTTING OF STEEL, TITANIUM AND NICKEL ALLOYS	YES	ABP6-3349	LASER CUTTING			9 - LIMITED SCOPE (AIPS00-00-006)	ABP6-3349 SCOPE & LIMITATIONS (REMARKS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIPS00-00-006 TABLE 4.1	LEGACY UK CATEGORY - 12V

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