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Dear Commander Rajiv Kubal,

I have attempted to answer your questions and have inserted my responses into your email below.

I hope this is of assistance.

Kind regards

John Owen
IAF Secretary

From: ACCAB . [mailto:info.accab@gmail.com]
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**SUB:- CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT -
ACCREDITATION**

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to introduce ourselves as an international, independent, impartial, non-governmental accreditation body. The Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB) is a trading name for Accreditation Commission For conformity Assessment Bodies Private Limited a company limited by shares established in terms of Companies Act, 1956, Republic of India.

ACCAB operates in accordance with the requirements, criteria, rules and regulations laid down in the following documents:

- The requirements of the international standard ISO/IEC 17011, General requirements for bodies providing assessments and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies
- The requirements and other benchmarks as stipulated in the Publicly Available Documents (PAD) published by various international bodies and ACCAB
- Legally established objects as per Memorandum & Articles of Association with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

The Board of Director has overall authority and responsibilities for policies and procedures for the operations of ACCAB. The Board delegates to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ACCAB the responsibility to implement the ACCAB policies and procedures. Accreditation Approval Committees make decisions concerning the granting and continuation of accreditation. An independent Impartiality Committee representing the broad range of stakeholders reviews and adjudicates on possible conflicts of interest. The authority vested in ACCAB is that assigned to them by the Conformity Assessment Bodies and other Organization it accredits and recognizes by virtue of these applicant and accredited bodies pledging support for the mission and objectives of ACCAB and ensuring that their actions are according to that policy. The ACCAB started operating from September 2010. Please check our website www.accab.org for further details on us.

We would be highly obliged if you could give certain clarifications to the following points/issues which we came across in the initial stages of establishing our accreditation services as many stakeholders enquire with us regarding our position with the IAF.

1. What is a legal constitution of International Accreditation Forum ? [IAF Members are obliged to comply with the IAF Charter and IAF PL 6 the IAF Memorandum of Understanding.](#)
2. Please let us know of the Place and country IAF is incorporated, and has corporate office ? [IAF is incorporated in the State of Delaware in the USA. The corporate office is 1013 Centre Road, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, 19805.](#)
3. Is it possible for IAF to provide us the copy of the Constitution/Articles of Association/Memorandum of Understanding and the names of the past and the current shareholders. ? [The IAF Charter and IAF PI 6 can be obtained from the IAF website under Publications the Policy Documents \(PL Series\). IAF does not have any shareholders other than the IAF Members who are listed on the IAF website under IAF Members and Signatories.](#)
4. Has IAF received any exclusive/nonexclusive legal mandate/recognition from any Government to operate its scheme for the accreditation bodies ? [It is a requirement of IAF membership that every Accreditation Body has an acceptance or equivalent standing within an economy, region or internationally. Most AB Member organizations are formed by means of an Act of Parliament in the country in which they are located or by a Government Decree/Legislation. The European Community has recognized only IAF Member ABs which represent the various countries in their Region.](#)
5. Has any Government legislated that the all certification bodies are required to be accredited by IAF Accreditation Body Members ? [See answer to Q4 above.](#)
6. According to IAF, is it mandatory/ necessary for an accreditation body to be a member of International Accreditation Forum ? [No. However it is often found that non-IAF Member ABs tend to operate under their own rules and don't have any independent review or assessment. We also find that their accreditations don't really have any credibility and this applies to the certificates issued by Certification Bodies accredited by these ABs.](#)
7. IAF website claims "Certified Once, Accepted Everywhere ". Is it supported by any statistical data or survey ? Is this claim accepted by ISO or any other Standardization Body ? [IAF is recognized by ISO as being the paramount organization representing ABs around the world. IAF and ISO have signed a MOU to this effect.](#)
8. Does IAF have any statistical data or survey proving credibility or non-credibility of the accreditation bodies who are members or not members of IAF ? [Not that I am aware of.](#)
9. Has ISO given any formal recognition to the International Accreditation Forum and also to the

accreditation bodies who are the members of IAF ? [See answer to Q7 above.](#)

Thanks and awaiting your early response
For Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies Pvt Ltd

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