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### Quality Management System Development

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With reference to the requirements of IATF 16949 paragraph 8.4.2.3 for supplier quality management system development:

Columbus Stainless is a supplier of stainless steel flat products, with a quality management system certified to ISO 9001: 2015 by third party TUV Rheinland (D-ZM-16031-01-00). Input into the automotive industry is in the form of coil, sheet, slits and blanks according to international and customer specific specifications. It is therefore considered as a material supplier and not a component supplier.

The company maintains and improves the quality management system through internal and second party audits on an ad hoc basis for selected customer-defined QMS requirements.

It is therefore considered that we comply with the requirements of IATF 16949 paragraph 8.4.2.3 for a sub-tier supplier to the automotive industry, by agreement of our customers, and would not be seeking third party certification to IATF 16949.

As a company, we are confident that, through our Quality Management System, we can consistently provide a quality product and service to a wide variety of customers in different types of industries, including the automotive industry.

We trust that you will find this acceptable.



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