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RABQSA Announces the development of the International Electrotechnical Commission Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ), Hazardous Substances Process Management (HSPM) Competency Unit(CU)

Milwaukee, Seoul and Sydney: RABQSA International Inc. (RABQSA) in conjunction with IECQ is pleased to announce the development of the HSPM Competency Unit.

"We are excited about the cooperation between IECQ and RABQSA," said IECQ Secretariat, Chris Agius. "The proven track record of RABQSA's qualification and certification system for IECQ Training Bodies makes good sense, and enables IECQ to focus on its core activities."

The HSPM Competency Unit is a new scope included in RABQSA's Training Provider Examination Scheme (TPECS), which underpins the examination of knowledge-based competencies specific to the RABQSA competency-based personnel certification schemes. This ensures that all HSPM Training Providers follow a well-defined, rigorous method for certifying Hazardous Process Management assessors to IECQ's standards.

"With an ever-increasing number of governments investigating the legislation for the control of hazardous substances used in the electronics industry, the international community is demanding consistency in both the implementation of and the associated audit outcomes of the new quality management standard," said Adam Maxwell, Business Development and Marketing Director of RABQSA. "RABQSA looks forward to seeing this project provide a positive contribution to the electronics industry."

Further details on the RABQSA-HSPM Competency Unit are available on the RABQSA website at www.rabqsa.com.

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