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Subject: The national ESE Lightning Protection Standards versus the approved EN Standards

Dear Prof. Rachidi,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 1 June 2011 regarding the European Standards for lightning protection.

In responding to your concerns, I would like to stress that CENELEC and its national members provide an established and comprehensive infrastructure and a well recognized and respected process for the development of standards through a consensus-based multi-stakeholder process.

In addition, European standardization activities are initiated by stakeholders, and the contents of the resulting standards are established and agreed through this multi-stakeholder process.

The use of European Standards is voluntary and, through the CENELEC system composed of 31 national Electrotechnical committees, stakeholders contribute to the development of European Standards on a wide range of topics.

European standards are developed by experts and respond to market needs and represent the state of the art.

With regard to your specific questions, we can only but reiterate the elements of our response dated 10 December 2010 i.e.

According to the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations, there is no conflict between ESE standards and EN 62305 series since:

- *Their scopes are different.*
- *ESE Lightning Protection Systems are not included in the EN 62305 series.*

BT have not ordered to withdraw ESE standards.

ESE national standards are in force and this in line with the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations.

ESE national standards are being updated, deleting references to EN 62305 installation provisions. The re-edited ESE national standards will cover the necessary requirements to place these systems on the market.

The National Committees, members of CENELEC, have the right to issue or maintain their national standards with a particular scope where there is not enough consensus to obtain a CENELEC deliverable.

The proposal to offer the national standards to IEC was approved by CENELEC BT at its 136th meeting in April 2010.

We hope that the above clarifies the relation between the EN 62305 series and the existing ESE national standards.

Yours sincerely,



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