The Benefits of Accreditation: An Accredited Body Perspective

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Exova Company Profile

- Over 90 years experience, with over 4,300 global experts operating from 138 facilities in 33 countries, supporting 23,000 customers worldwide

- Specialist areas include:
  - Aerospace Calibration
  - Construction Defence
  - Environmental Fire, Building Products and Certification
  - Industrials Oil and Gas
  - Pharmaceuticals Transportation

- Multiple accreditations which augment our own internal governance processes and procedures
Benefits of Accreditation

Accreditation provides:

- Independent verification and international recognition of Exova’s competence in the provision of our accredited certification, testing, inspection and calibration services

- Enhanced consumer safety through product certification, underpinned by accredited testing and inspection, providing confidence and credibility to the certification process provided by Exova

- Exova’s clients with greater confidence in our inspection, certification, testing and calibration services as an accredited provider

- Independent verification of the competence and capability of our people
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Accreditation provides:

- A foundation on which client approvals are granted and maintained, gaining access to markets that would otherwise be closed

- A competitive advantage in certain markets (e.g. Environment Agency MCERTS Performance Standard)

- A licence to trade as without third-party accreditation many clients would not place contracts with Exova

- The reassurance and confidence required by our shareholders and stakeholders that Exova operates with a high level of competence and integrity

- A mechanism of reducing liability insurance premiums and mitigating commercial and reputational risk
Accreditation: Realising the Benefits

- Working with UKAS: an Exova perspective
  - Signatory to bilateral and multilateral recognition agreements ensures international acceptance of the results generated by Exova’s laboratories, certification and inspection bodies; important in today’s global marketplace
  - Provides broad range of competence in many areas of accreditation which supports Exova’s diverse, technically demanding service offering and geographical footprint
  - Support with M&A activity to ensure no gaps in accreditation and navigate through the challenges of acquisition, integration and consolidation of Schedules of Accreditation
  - Exploring the option of corporate account management which aligns well with the Global Sector approach within Exova
    - drive to implement a Group Quality Management System for each of the Accreditation Standards
    - facilitate a more efficient way of operating within Exova
    - realise additional cost benefits and the sharing of best practice across the Exova Group
Thank you for your attention

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