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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2016 addressed to Mr Szymanski and Mr Cozigou concerning the study on the impacts of possible amendments to the ATEX, the Machinery, and the Pressure Equipment Directives with respect to equipment intended for use in the offshore oil and gas industry. This study was conducted by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre upon request from Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.

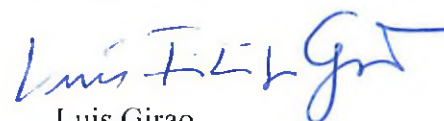
We appreciate the information provided by your associations during the execution of the study. As a member of the Steering Group for this study, ECSA has been closely involved and it appears that also IADC and IMCA contributed via ECSA.

The information provided in your letter is mainly restating your concerns already reflected in the final report. The detailed assessment in the annex of your letter will be further analysed and taken into consideration together with comments we expect to receive from other stakeholders.

In the upcoming months, the final report will also be presented in the Working Group meetings of the concerned directives to collect feedback from national authorities and other stakeholders. Such information will allow us to examine whether further initiatives in this field are required. At this stage however, we do not envisage any specific actions. An evaluation of the Machinery Directive is ongoing but any policy initiative in this field would be subject to an additional impact assessment involving all relevant stakeholders.

Further follow-up to this study will be coordinated by my unit and you may still submit relevant information, including quantitative information, to Mr D'hooge, the desk officer in charge of this study (hans.dhooge@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,



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