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To: Machinery & Tooling Q1-Targeted Suppliers

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By now, you have probably heard that the QS9000-TE supplement, which has been a long-standing requirement for Ford's Q1 machinery suppliers, is set to expire on December 14, 2006. Therefore, all machinery suppliers that are Q1, or are seeking Q1, will be required to achieve ISO 9001:2000 by December 15, 2006.

- ISO 9001:2000, with no supplements, will become the sole requirement after QS9000 expires.
 - The other components of the Q1 program – Customer Endorsements, Performance Metrics and Quality Operating System (QOS) – will remain the same.
- Automotive production and service parts suppliers that are registered to QS9000 will have the option of transitioning to ISO Technical Specification (TS) 16949:2002. However, the TS will not be an option for TE suppliers. Consequently, ISO 9001:2000 will be the only alternative for TE suppliers based in North America.
 - Ford Motor Company will allow its European-based TE suppliers to transition to an updated edition of VDA 6.4 instead of ISO 9001:2000.
- ISO 9001:2000 certification shall be obtained from an ISO/TS 16949:2002 approved registrar and auditor(s). A list of approved registrars is available at: www.iaob.org.

The decision when to transition to ISO 9001:2000 before the December 15, 2006, deadline will be left up to your company. However, it should be noted that Ford has already begun accepting ISO 9000:2001 in lieu of QS9000-TE.

Please contact Jim O'Connor, joconn21@ford.com, if you have any questions regarding the expiration of the QS9000-TE supplement.

- It should be noted that global suppliers could receive multiple copies of this letter from Ford's regional purchasing offices and brands, e.g. Ford of Europe, Jaguar/Land Rover and Volvo.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Director