EOQ Press Release

A new era at EOQ
The European Organization for Quality, a not-for-profit organization that has represented the leading quality organizations and institutes from around 40 countries since the beginning of the nineties has increased the presence of EOQ Certificates, which can be called “passports of professional competence”. Last year the organization responded to the request of the majority of its members by deciding to review and update EOQ’s harmonized requirements for Quality Managers and Quality Auditors. For Personnel Certification Bodies and national Accreditation Bodies acting in accordance with the ISO/IEC 17024 Standard, there is a need for common European criteria as a basis for accreditation. EOQ’s Technical Working Group, which was created specifically, has published the corresponding Competence Specifications and has made the Certification Scheme available for use as reference documents by the Personnel Certification and Accreditation Bodies. EOQ’s continued commitment to high-level requirements did not fit into the business targets of the founding member CQI. Therefore, CQI decided to leave EOQ because the targets and purposes of the two organizations were no longer focused on the same directions and quality levels. As EOQ is an important stakeholder in the worldwide Quality Community and is the European organization responsible for keeping high professional competence standards, it is quite obvious that an adequate not-for-profit representation for the UK will be invited.

About EOQ
EOQ is the leading European not-for-profit organization dedicated to quality. Its member organizations have provided over 70,000 individuals with training and certification. This enables more than 50,000 company members to improve their business. The mission of EOQ is to improve European society by promoting Quality in its broadest sense. Its activities are aimed at qualifying people, facilitating networking and developing international representation and co-operation. EOQ helps its members to prepare individuals and companies for being successful in the 21st century.

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