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Mr. Xiao Jianhua
Chairman of International Accreditation Forum
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Dear Mr. Jianhua,

On behalf of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), I am writing to express our support of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) "Database of Management System Certifications (IAF CertSearch)." NRCan has made significant investment in the ISO 50001 energy management system standard development and deployment over the past years. For instance, our cost-shared financial assistance program helps offset the initial cost for organizations to implement ISO 50001. We are also committed to recognizing global leadership in ISO 50001 through our support of the CEM Energy Management Leadership Awards. The IAF global database being created and sponsored by the IAF is highly complementary to our ISO 50001 strategy.

NRCan's vision is that all ISO 50001 certifications and other certifications will be included in the IAF CertSearch global database for the purpose of accurate recording and validation. We plan to work in partnership with the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and the IAF to encourage all ISO 50001 SCC-accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) to submit certified organization's data to the IAF database. We would also promote to industry, the opportunity for voluntary public NRCan recognition of accredited ISO 50001 certified organizations in the certified trade marketplace that would be embedded within the platform. We believe that the recognition of ISO 50001 certifications by NRCan will serve to motivate and encourage other facilities to seek and achieve ISO 50001 certification and thus help to achieve our national energy efficiency objectives.

NRCan values accredited certification and believes that the IAF CertSearch global database will increase its awareness and integrity, which ultimately, will promote its further acceptance. We encourage IAF to move rapidly to initiate the launch of the "IAF CertSearch" and encourage all IAF Accreditation Bodies and CBs to participate in the data collection of accredited ISO management system certifications.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at bob.fraser@canada.ca.

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