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Mr. Duffy is a Manager of Standards and Conformity Assessment with Rockwell Automation with over 25 years of experience in the field of product safety, standards work and conformity assessment. In his current position he is responsible for tracking and coordinating the global conformity assessment positions and initiatives within Rockwell Automation.

Since joining Rockwell, Tim has worked with other industry standards representatives on issues ranging from Global Conformity Assessment and Market Access concerns, standards revisions and various information technology initiatives.

He came to Rockwell Automation from Underwriters Laboratories Inc. with over 13 years of diversified electrical product evaluation and management experience in the field of product certification, product safety and standards.

Timothy Duffy graduated in 1984 with a degree in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Gordon Gillerman

Gordon Gillerman is the Chief of the Standards Services Division in Technology Services at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Gordon has extensive experience in coordinating standards policy and development across a wide range of sectors critical to the US including homeland security, safety, health and protection of the environment.

Gordon has been the NIST lead in designing and implementing conformity assessment programs as well as assisting in the development of performance standards to meet

other federal agency and industry needs and fulfill NIST's role in coordinating standards and conformity assessment in the US. Gordon is the Public Sector Co-Chair of the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) Homeland Security Standards Panel, a member of the Toy Industry Association, Toy Safety Certification Program's Oversight Council and a sought after lecturer on standards, conformity assessment and regulation.

Previous positions include leading government affairs for the largest US product safety certification and standard development organization, Underwriters Laboratories (UL) in Washington, DC, and Staff Engineer for the medical device and information technology sectors at UL's Northbrook, IL headquarters. Gordon has worked collaboratively within the standards community to enhance health, safety, the environment and security throughout his career. In 2008 Gordon received an Environmental Protection Agency Gold Medal. He has also received a Department of Commerce Bronze Medal and the ANSI Meritorious Service Award for his work in standards and conformity assessment.

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Ajit Jillavenkatesa

Dr. Ajit Jillavenkatesa is a Senior Standards Specialist with the Global Standards and Information Group (GSIG) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Ajit is currently on assignment in the NIST Program Office, within the Office of the NIST Director.

Ajit specializes in tracking and analyzing standards and conformity assessment related policy issues in South Asia, Asia-Pacific and the Mid East Asia regions. His primary responsibilities include providing standards and conformity assessment related policy and technical expertise to customers at NIST, the U.S. Department of Commerce, other US Government agencies and the private sector. He thus interacts extensively with standards experts in addressing the role of standards and conformity assessment in enabling trade and commerce, and the manifestation of standards and conformity assessment procedures as technical barriers to trade.

Dr. Jillavenkatesa also participates in international standards development activities in emerging areas such as radio-frequency identification (RFID) and nanotechnology. Ajit contributes documentary standards and conformity assessment expertise to intra- and inter- governmental groups, bridging the worlds of standards, international trade and regulatory policy.

Dr. Jillavenkatesa is a materials scientist by training, having joined NIST in 1997, with a Ph.D. in Ceramics from Alfred University in New York. He has authored and co-authored books and peer reviewed publications related to physical and chemical characterization of materials. He received the American National Standards Institute's Next Generation Award in 2008.

Gwenann Manseau

Gwenann Manseau is Senior Attorney in the Office of the Chief Counsel for International Commerce (OCCIC) at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Her principal area of practice is international trade law, with particular focus on standards.

Gwen is the lead attorney for the International Trade Administration (ITA) on standards and technical regulations, and in 2009-10 was the lead negotiator for the U.S. government in the development of ISO 26000 on Social Responsibility. She also provides general guidance to ITA on other aspects of social responsibility including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, environmental law including climate change issues, preference programs, export financing, Middle East issues, litigation involving international human rights law and the Alien Tort Statute, and other trade-related legal matters. She has participated in several trade and international agreement negotiations, including Free Trade Agreements and World Trade Organization (WTO) cases, specifically concerning international standards and environment issues. Before becoming an attorney, Gwen worked in academic publishing as a philosophy editor, and in several start-up internet companies.

Gwen received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2005. She graduated cum laude from Princeton University in 1996 with an AB degree in comparative literature.

Anne Meininger

Anne Meininger is the Team Leader at the U.S. WTO TBT Inquiry Point located in the National Center for Standards and Certification Information (NCSCI). She re-joined NIST in this capacity in June 2003. Previously, Ms. Meininger worked at NIST (formerly NBS, the National Bureau of Standards) from 1969-1979 as a Computer Programmer and Management Information Coordinator.

Ms. Meininger earned a Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude in English and French from Judson College and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland.

Erik Puskar

Erik Puskar leads global standards information activities within the Standards Services Group (SSG), Standards Coordination Office at NIST.

Erik provides technical information related to standards and supports Federal agencies by monitoring developments in standards and conformity assessment internationally. Erik also lead SSG's impact analysis efforts of voluntary consensus standards as well as NIST's efforts on education about standardization. He is a member of the ANSI Committee on Education and represents NIST on the International Cooperation for Education About Standardization (ICES).

In addition to standards, he has experience in the fields of information technology, funding innovative high-risk technology and fiscal affairs/taxation. Previous to SSD, Erik was a program manager with the Advanced Technology Program (now Technology Innovation Program) of NIST and has held other positions with the U.S. Government, international development organizations, and consulting.

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Ramona Saar

Ramona Saar serves as the Program Manager for the NVCASE (National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation) Program administered by NIST within the Standards Services Division of Technology Services. In this capacity, Ramona works directly with U.S. accreditation bodies seeking to be evaluated and recognized by NIST/NVCASE for compliance with ISO/IEC 17011 in the two existing sub-programs for telecommunications and organic production/processing.

Additionally, Ramona is the Program Manager for the NIST Designating Authority responsibilities under the Telecommunications Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) between U.S. government and many other countries/economies. Ramona works with U.S. laboratories and certification bodies that are seeking to be designated by NIST and recognized by the regulatory agencies of the foreign MRA partners so that telecom products can be tested and/or certified in the U.S prior to export. She also manages the designation of U.S. TCBs (Telecommunication Certification Bodies) to the FCC and the evaluation of U.S. laboratory accreditation bodies to be used under the telecom MRAs. Ramona participates in the negotiations to further expand implementation of the

telecom trade agreements with other economies, working closely with USTR and the FCC.

Ramona began her career in conformity assessment in 1991, working for the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA). While at A2LA, Ramona managed the day-to-day accreditation process activities and also participated in assessing the compliance of the laboratories to the applicable quality system requirements of ISO/IEC 17025. As Quality Manager, she oversaw the organization's compliance with ISO/IEC 17011 and managed several international peer evaluations conducted by APLAC and EA. In 2003, Ramona joined the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), located in Washington, D.C., where she managed the day-to-day activities of performance standards development and product certification. She also worked on key technical and regulatory appliance issues with the DOE (minimum efficiency standards) and the EPA (air cleaners & Energy Star).

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Henry Wixon

Henry Wixon became Chief Counsel for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the U.S. Department of Commerce in March of 2009. Prior to joining NIST, he was a Partner with the law firm of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP in Washington, DC.

In over twenty years in private practice as a registered patent attorney and intellectual property specialist, Mr. Wixon developed and implemented worldwide patent defense and enforcement strategies for domestic and international clients, coordinating the efforts of counsel in multiple European countries and Japan. In addition to extensive patent litigation, he conducted intellectual property due diligence and valuation analyses in connection with venture capital funding, mergers and acquisitions and IPOs. With extensive experience in technology transfer, Mr. Wixon worked cooperatively with and between private and public laboratories, universities, corporations and government agencies, including the negotiation of patent and know how licenses, cooperative research and development agreements, employment contracts, and confidentiality agreements. Mr. Wixon was "highly recommended" in the 2006/07 and 2007/08 editions of the PLC Cross-border Life Sciences Handbook in the USA Patent Counseling category.

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