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Dear Valued GT Technologies Inc. Supplier:

The purpose of this letter is to alert our supply base that the current automotive standard IATF 16949: 2016 is now fully implemented Globally. As an Automotive Supplier you must be working on your respective plan to implement the standard accordingly.

The IATF 16949:2016 standard, clause 8.4.2.3 Supplier quality management system development revised under: Sanctioned Interpretations SI 14-15 issued in November 2018, effective January 2019, reads as follows:

“The organization **shall** require their suppliers of automotive products and services to develop, implement and improve a quality management system (QMS) with the ultimate objective of eligible organizations becoming certified to this Automotive QMS Standard.

Using a risk-based model the organization **shall** define a minimum acceptable level of QMS development and a target QMS development level for each supplier. Unless otherwise authorized by the customer, a QMS certified to ISO 9001 is the initial minimum acceptable level of development. Based on current performance and the potential risk to the customer, the objective is to move suppliers through the following QMS development progression:

- a) Certification to ISO 9001 through third-party audits; unless otherwise specified by the customer, suppliers to the organization shall demonstrate conformity to ISO 9001 by maintaining a third-party certification issued by a certification body bearing the accreditation mark of a recognized IFA MLA (International Accreditation Forum Multilateral Recognition Arrangement) member and where the accreditation body’s main scope includes management system certification to ISO/ IEC 17021;
- b) Certification to ISO 9001 with compliance to other customer-defined QMS requirements (such as Minimum Automotive Quality Management System Requirements for Sub-Tier Suppliers [ MAQMSR] or equivalent) through second-party audits;
- c) Certification to ISO 9001 with compliance to IATF 16949 through second-party audits;
- d) Certification to IATF 16949 through third-party audits (valid third-party certification of the supplier to IATF 16949 by an IATF-recognized certification body)

Note: The minimum acceptable level of QMS development may be compliance to ISO 9001 through second-party audits, if authorized by the customer.”

Based on this Sanctioned Interpretation, changes effective January 2019, GT Technologies will continue our development QMS process for all suppliers that provide products related to programs with Ford Motor Company, GM and FCA, and have an ISO 9001 status.

The methodology process is performed through a second party audit conducted by the Supplier Development Group with compliance to IATF 16949 standard rules. In case you are in this group, you will receive a notification to schedule the audit during the 2019 year, no later than 3<sup>rd</sup>/ Quarter (ending September 2019). This will be an annual activity for any supplier having ISO 9001 Status.

We congratulate those of you in our Global Supply base who have already attained IATF 16949 status through third party certification.

We encourage you to enter into the official IATF ( International Automotive Task Force) website to learn OEMs Customer Specific Requirements. If you have any questions, please contact me at [cenriquez@gttechnologies.com](mailto:cenriquez@gttechnologies.com)

Regards

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