

CoorsTek Scotland Facility Approved to new ISO/TS-16949:2002 Automotive Manufacturing Standard

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*Strict standard allows zero non-compliance items
during rigorous three-day audit.*

Scotland, United Kingdom, February 9, 2004 – CoorsTek announced today the approval to the new ISO/TS-16949:2002 standard for automotive manufacturing for its Glenrothes facility in Fife, Scotland.

Specifically, the Quality Management System for this facility applies to machining and heat-treating of thick and thin-film ceramic substrates for automotive industry components. A leading supplier to automotive component manufacturers, CoorsTek has taken compliance with the standard very seriously. “Our work toward achieving the approval under the new standard is indicative of our commitment to continued leadership in the automotive components segment,” says Scottish-born CoorsTek Chief Operating Officer Derek Johnson.

Indeed, the company’s history substantiates this claim, with the Scotland facility’s approval to ISO-9002 in 1992, ISO-9002:1994 in 1995, QS9000 in 1999, and most recently the ISO/TS-16949:2002 and ISO-9001:2000 standards.

By no means an easy task, the experienced quality team at this facility required only six months from project inception to final accreditation to this latest standard.

All CoorsTek facilities comply with internationally recognized manufacturing and quality standards like ISO-9001, ISO-14000, and QS-9000 and use modern, best-practice methods like lean manufacturing, in-process inspection, and parallel-path development.

CoorsTek designs and manufactures components, integrated assemblies and automated systems for high-technology applications. Using technical ceramics, precision-machined metals, and high-performance plastics, CoorsTek engineered solutions enable its customers' products to overcome technological barriers and improve performance. For additional information on CoorsTek, visit their website at www.coorstek.com.

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