



European association for Surface Treatment on Aluminium



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Letter of Intent by and between:

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and

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Represented by Prof. Dr. Paul De Knop, Rector.

Both organisations are centres of competence directly or indirectly linked to surface treatment of aluminum.

As both organisations aim to provide their competences and skills, they would both benefit from a co-operation with each other as well as with other national and international organisations in the same field.

Cooperation should be understood as follows:

- Exchange of statistics and other relevant market data.
- Sharing information on trends.
- Participate at each other's symposia and/or congresses, if not as a speaker, then as a guest with the aim of facilitating information exchange and networking.
- Informing each other on current activities.
- Keeping each other informed on scientific activities or technological developments concerning the aluminium and its surface treatments.
- Offering real life testing in finishing plants.
- Joining forces in creating a Global network to promote technological advances.

Next to the above, there will be no official framework that defines the communication between both organisations, unless for a specific reason or topic, it is decided differently. Maximum use will be made of electronic communication channels.

It is understood that in this voluntary cooperation, both organisations keep their independence and freedom of action. Nothing in this letter or the parties' cooperation creates any legal relationship or binding obligations between the parties.

In the event that an organisations would wish to stop this cooperation, a letter signed by the organisation's representative will suffice.

President of ESTAL

Mr. Ivo Vermeeren

Date 19/09/2014

Representative of VUB

Paul DE KNOP, Rector

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