

Sci-Qual International Pty Ltd



Independence/Impartiality Statement

This is to certify that the Board of Sci-Qual International Pty Ltd has considered the Certification issue, and will not allow financial considerations to impact on the Certification Process.

The Company has appointed a Certification Panel whose membership are only used for certification decisions where they are not part of the assessment team and have no conflict of interest with the Organisation being assessed. Guidance is as stated in IEC/ISO 17021:2006.

A Risk Register has been established, which is reviewed by both the Board and the Expert Advisory Panel to ensure that all treatments of risks, including those risks to impartiality, are reviewed at least quarterly. Both real and perceived risks are assessed within the risk register.

This assures that each Certification decision is an impartial one

Where any Director, Member of a Committee, Appeals Group, Contractor, Related Body or Staff Member has a conflict of interest regarding a decision of Sci-Qual International Pty Ltd, after declaration of that conflict, the member or Related Body, will not take part in the decision making process with respect to that decision.

A member of the Certification Panel will in the normal course of events determine the outcome of the Certification. Where all members of the Certification Panel are involved in the initial Assessment for Certification, the Company Secretary, Chairman, General Manager or other Director will determine the outcome of the Certification on behalf of the Board.

Where the recommendations of the audit team and Certification Panel are not followed by the Board's Representative, a meeting of the Board will be called to determine the outcome.

This process may also involve the use of the Appeals Group or other Committees.

Signed this 7th day of August, 2008

Original signed by
Graham Corless

Company Secretary