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Foreword

The production of this CWA (CEN Workshop Agreement) specifying the essential elements of risk based assessment of industrial assets according to the RIMAP approach was formally accepted at the Workshop's kick-off meeting on 2005-06-30.

The document has been developed through the collaboration of a number of contributing partners in the Workshop, some of them mentioned in the chapter "Acknowledgments". Further information on who have supported the document's contents may be obtained from the CEN Management Centre.

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This CWA consists of the following main parts, under the general title "Risk-Based Inspection and Maintenance Procedures for European Industry":

Part 1: RIMAP Framework (presented in Chapter 4 of the document)

Part 2: RIMAP Procedure (presented in Chapter 5 of the document)

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Introduction

This particular CWA provides the essential elements of risk based assessment of industrial assets according to the RIMAP approach which has been developed and demonstrated in and by the European R&D project RIMAP (GIRD-CT-2001-03008 and the corresponding RIMAP Network: "Risk-Based Inspection and Maintenance Procedures for European Industry"). One of the main goals of the project, as well as of this CWA, has been to contribute to the harmonization of the EU national regulatory requirements related to the inspection and maintenance programs in the industrial plants and make them more cost-efficient while, at the same time, safety, health, and environmental performance is maintained or improved.

The document is intended for the managers and engineers establishing the RBIM (Risk-based Inspection and Maintenance) policies in the companies in power, process, steel and other relevant industries. It is supposed to be used in conjunction with the relevant internationally accepted practices, national regulations and/or company policies. The document is supposed to provide a common reference for formulating the above policies and developing the corresponding inspection and maintenance programs within different industrial sectors, such as oil refineries, chemical and petrochemical plants, steel production and power plants. Each part of this Agreement can be used as a stand-alone document.

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1 Scope

The objective of this CEN Workshop Agreement document is to present a set of transparent and accurate framework for applying / implementing risk-based inspection and maintenance (RBIM) and risk-based life management (RBLM)¹ in industrial organizations

The document formulates the procedure for risk based approach, thereby supporting optimization of operations and maintenance (O&M) as well as asset management.

The purpose of RBIM is to ensure that clearly defined and accepted levels of risk related to:

- safety,
- health,
- environment and
- business/production/operation

are achieved using resource-efficient methods of inspection and maintenance. The methodology for RBIM described here is based on that developed in the European project RIMAP (Risk-based Inspection and Maintenance Procedures for European Industry) [11]. Within the RIMAP project, the RBIM methodology has been developed and validated for chemical, petrochemical, power and steel industries in Application Workbooks [20], [21], but the methodology as such is intended to be industry independent. The methodology addresses the following aspects:

- Inspection and maintenance
- All types of equipment, e.g. pressure containing, rotating, electrical, instruments and safety devices
- Technical and managerial aspects of maintenance and inspection planning
- Asset management related to inspection, maintenance and life assessment for plants, systems and components
- Production and operation.

Although RBIM encompasses RBI & RCM, this document focuses primarily onto RBI. The RCM is included only up to the extent to demonstrate the applicability in the overall context of RBIM.

¹ Hence forth, the term RBIM will be used in this document in place of similar terminologies like RBLM, RBMI, etc.

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