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I am very pleased to announce to our entire organization that Essex Group, Inc. Headquarters has successfully passed our first ISO/TS 16949 registration audit.

ISO/TS 16949 is a third party certification of the manufacturing and quality process within a manufacturing factory or a facility that supports a manufacturing facility. This certification requires a very far reaching and demanding audit, and is required for any manufacturer supplying parts to the Automotive Industry.

EGI Headquarters will be recommended for listing as a compliant support site on all manufacturing site ISO/TS 16949 Quality System certificates.

Thanks to your support and active participation, we passed the audit with no major or minor non-conformances.

Thank you once again for a job well-done.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Cummings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "C".

David Cummings
Senior Vice President
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