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COMMITMENT to QUALITY

FLUID COMPONENTS INTERNATIONAL LLC will hire experienced personnel, continually train them, and clearly define their responsibilities in order to provide the highest level of quality products and services to the wide variety of markets and industries that we support. All employees will be responsible for quality and are expected to participate in continuous quality improvement functions so that industry standards will be met or exceeded. Employees will also be expected to take initiative in continuously improving processes and in their own self-development skills. Employees will be provided the tools, instructions, and authority to act in the best interest of the company with regard to the quality of our products and or service. The Quality Assurance and Quality Control organizations will function as a catalyst to establish informational quality needs, compliance standards, mutual improvement targets, process changes, and overall quality focus. These organizations will demonstrate continuous communications and collaboration with all operational departments.

The Quality Assurance organization is chartered with defining and enforcing the standards that are specific to the various industries that we service. Quality Assurance shall either integrate or isolate those requirements so that we efficiently meet all industry specific quality expectations.

The Quality Manual that follows shall be used as an internal baseline for quality processes. The Manual will serve as a standard for which we will compare our performance. The Manual will be a living document and will be regularly updated with improvements and changes that are necessary to meet the evolving business environment. The Manual will additionally reflect our commitment of quality to our customer base and will be readily available for review and recommendations.



Dan McQueen,  
President

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vi		Added " <b>Industrial</b> " to Controlled projects paragraph			
ix		Change "ATEX" to "EX" in Appendix A			
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Sect 1;2		Included reference to "Ex" representative in paragraph 1.0 – Scope			
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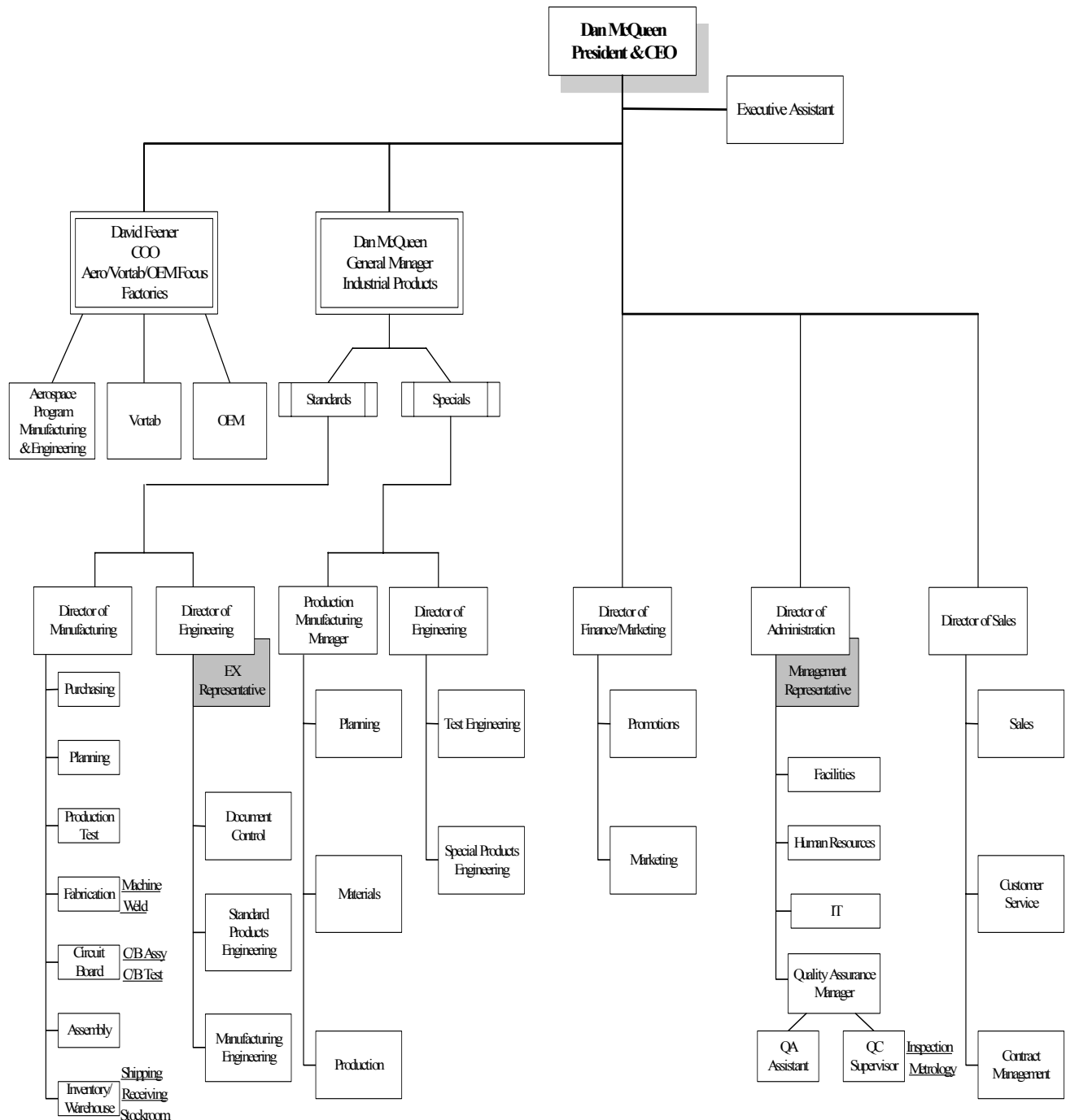
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*Appendix A: Company Organization Chart*



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**Appendix B: Interrelation of Quality System and ISO 9001/AS9100; 8100.7; and NQA-1-2000.**

#	LEVEL 2 DOCUMENTS	MANUAL SECTION				
		2 (Per 8100.7)	1 & 2 (Per ISO/AS)		3	
1	01DM000010, Design and Development Changes / ECO		7.3	7.0	3.5	3
2	01DM0000064/01DM000025, Engineering Document Control	202 *425 *612	4.2.3	4.0	6	6
3	04QA704001, Receiving Inspection	413	7.4	7.0	8.1, 10	8 & 10
4	04QA704002, Order Entry Procedure	102	7.2	7.0	3.1	3
5	04QA704003, Purchasing Information		7.4	7.0	4	4
6	04QA704004, Control of Nonconforming Product	530	8.3	8.0	15	15
7	04QA704005, Contract Review		7.2.2	7.0	3.1	3
8	04QA704006, Calibration Program		7.6	7.0	12.1	12
9	04QA704007, Quality System Document Control	202	4.2.3	4.0	6.2	6
10	04QA704008, Audits		8.2.2	8.0	18.1, 18.2	18
11	04QA704010, Special Packaging		--	--	13.3.1	13
12	04QA704011, 10CFR Reporting		8.3	8.0	15.3	15
13	04QA704013, Control of Quality Records	108	4.2.4	4.0	17	17
14	04QA704018, Standard Packaging		7.5.5	7.0	13.3	13
15	04QA704019, Final Cleaning		7.5.5	7.0	13.2	13
16	04QA704020, Process Control Procedure: Controlled		7.5	7.0	5.2	5
17	04QA704024, Issuing Stamps		7.5.3	7.0	14.3	14
18	04QA704026, In-Process Inspection		8.2.4	8.0	8.1, 10.1	8 & 10
19	04QA704029, Evaluation of Measuring and Test Equipment		7.6	7.0	12.3	12
20	04QA704032, Testing Wetted Surfaces		7.4.3	7.0	7.3	7
21	04QA704034, Competence, Awareness, and Training	431	6.2.2	6.0	2.6	2
22	04QA704038, Final Inspection	428 409	8.2.4	8.0	8.1, 10.1	8 & 10
23	04QA704039, Welder Qualification		7.5.2	7.0	9.2	9
24	04QA704044, Vendor Surveys		7.4.1	7.4	7.1	7
25	04QA704046, Vendor Performance Record Reviews		7.4.1	7.4	7.1.2	7
26	04QA704048, Foreign Object Prevention		7.5.1, 7.5.5	7.0	--	--
27	04QA704049, First Article		8.2.4.2	8.0	--	--
28	04QA704050, Controlled Repair		7.5.1	7.0	10	10
29	04QA704052, Project Notebooks		4.2.4	4.0	17	17
30	04QA704053, Dated Coded Materials	415 416	7.5.5	7.0	7.4 & 8.1	7 & 8
31	04QA704054, Auditor Qualification		8.2.2	8.0	18.4	18
32	04QA704055, Customer Property		7.5.4	7.0	7.6	7
33	04QA704057, Workmanship Standard		7.5.2	7.0	9.2	9
34	04QA704058, Plastic Coated Sensor Head Testing		4.9	4.0	--	--
35	04QA704062, Management Review		5.6	5.0	2.2	1
36	04QA704063, Inspection History		8.1	8.0	--	--
37	04QA704064, Hardness Testing		7.4.3	7.0	7.3	7
38	04QA704067, Mil/Aero Serial Numbers		7.5.3	7.0	--	--
39	04QA704070, Vendor Corrective Action		8.5.2 &	8.0	16.1	16

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			8.5.3			
40	04QA704071, Commercial Grade Item Testing		--	--	7.5	7
41	04QA704074, Aerospace Return Product Procedure	701 702 703 704 705 707	7.5.1	7.0	--	--
42	04QA704075, Reporting to the FAA	110	8.3	8.0	--	--
43	04QA704076, On Time Delivery		8.1	8.0	--	--
44	04QA704077, Evaluation of Subcontractors		7.4.1	7.0	7.1	7
45	04QA704078, Back-up Procedure		4.2.4	4.0	17	17
46	04QA704079, Field Service/Installation Procedure		7.5.1	7.0	--	--
47	04QA704080, Repair Service Procedure		7.5.1	7.0	--	--
48	04QA704081, Storage		7.5.5	7.0	13.1	
49	04QA704082, Production and Service Provision / Process Control Procedure: Non-controlled Jobs		7.5.1	7.0	--	--
50	04QA704083, Corrective and Preventive Action		8.5.2, 8.5.3	8.0	16	16
51	04QA704084, Tooling Procedure		7.5.1.3	7.0	--	--
52	04QA704085, Product ID		7.5.3	7.0	--	--
53	04QA704086, Preventive maintenance of Process Equipment		6.3	6.0	--	--
54	04QA704088, Validation of Processes for Production and Service Provision / Special Process Procedure		7.5.2	7.0	9.1	9
55	04QA704089, Statistical Techniques		8.1	8.0	--	--
56	04QA704091, Design and/or Development		7.3	7.0	3	3
57	04QA704092, Return Authorization		8.1	8.0	--	--
58	04QA704093, Customer Response		8.5.3	8.0	16	16
59	04QA704094, Signature Authorization		7.4	7.0	4	4
60	04QA704097, Preventive maintenance of the Building		6.3	6.0	--	--
61	04QA704098, Customer Satisfaction		8.2.1	8.0	--	--
62	07QA070003, Quality Manual		4.2.2	4.0	1	1
63	06QA020013, Qualification Verification Analysis		--		3.4	3
64	06QA020014, Nuclear Item Dedication Plan		--		7.5	7

*\*Paragraph 425 & 612 are met by the procedures referenced, no cross-reference to the manual paragraphs. Paragraph 612 is also met by manual paragraph 7.4.*

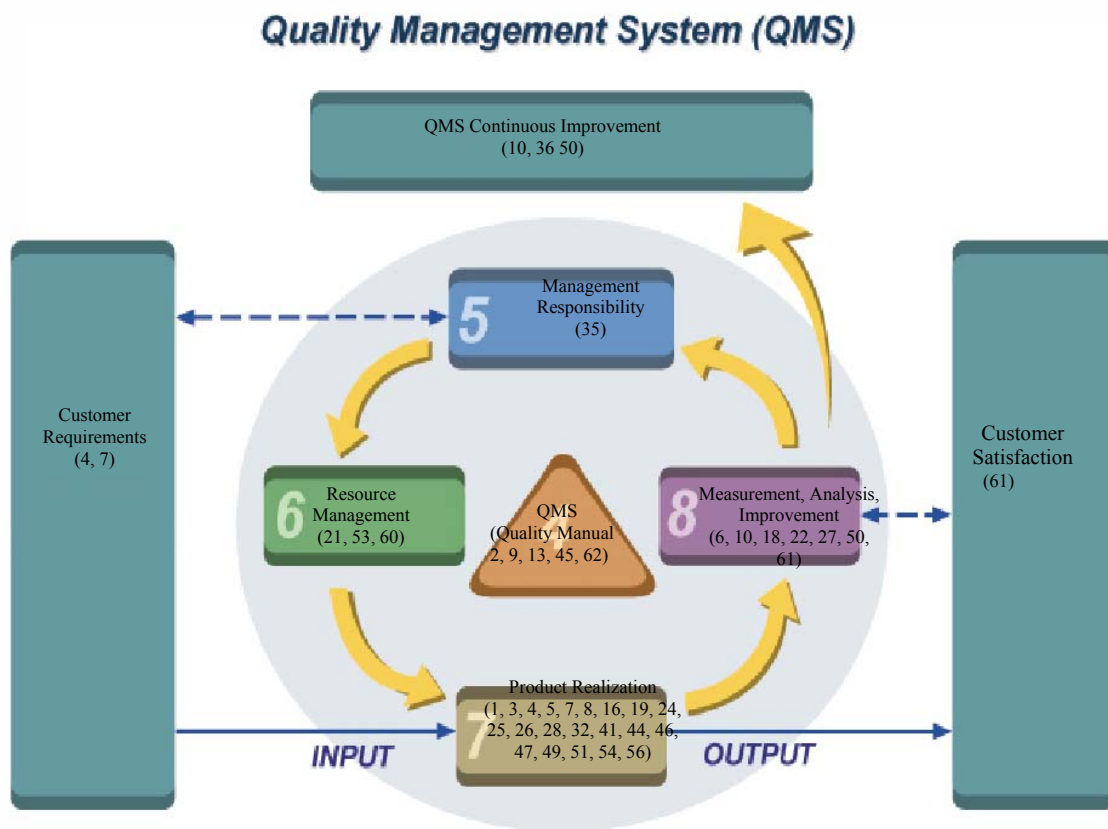
**NOTE:** All “04QA” number sequences listed in this manual reflect Fluid Components International LLC’s current numbering system. The core number of the document is 704XXX, which remains the same regardless of the prefix added. Some of the Quality Assurance Procedures listed in this manual have NOT been revised since the implementation of the 04QA system; therefore this note serves as notice that the document with the core number 704XXX, regardless of the prefix represents the same document.

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Appendix C: *Interrelationships Diagram*

A description of the interaction between the processes of the quality management system:

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## **1.0 SCOPE**

The requirements described in this section, Section One, of the Quality Manual provide an overview of FCI's minimum quality system requirements.

Issuance and changes to the manual shall be performed in accordance with "Document and Data Control, paragraph 4.2.3 of this section of the manual. Changes to this Manual that substantially effect the Quality System e.g. Change of Quality Assurance Manger or EX Representative (ATEX, IECEX, etc.), Certifications i.e. ISO, etc., shall be submitted to a Notified Body (ATEX, IECEX, etc.) by the appropriate Representative (EX Representative, Management Representative, Quality Assurance Manager, etc.) if required by the standard.

## **2.0 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

This manual is supplemented by numerous procedures as identified in Appendix "B" and referenced throughout this manual. Procedures other than those referenced may also be used to implement the Quality Management system.

## **3.0 REFERENCES**

ISO 9001:2000, Quality management systems - Requirements

## **4.0 QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

### **4.1 GENERAL**

FCI has established, documented, implemented, and maintains and continually improves a quality management system in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001:2000.

To implement the quality management system FCI will:

- a) Identify the processes needed for the quality management system and their application throughout the organization,
- b) Determine the sequence and interaction of these processes,
- c) Determine criteria and methods needed to ensure that both the operation and control of these processes are effective,
- d) Ensure the availability of resources and information necessary to support the operation and monitoring of these processes,
- e) Measure, monitor and analyze these processes, and

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the customer or Notified Body within the time frame required per contract or in a timely manner if no contractual requirements are set forth.

- FCI shall, in writing, inform our customer and/or Notified Body responsible for the quality system notification.

FCI shall maintain records of the above notification for ten years.

#### **8.4 ANALYSIS OF DATA**

FCI determines, collects, and analyzes appropriate data to demonstrate the suitability and effectiveness of the quality management system and to evaluate where continual improvements of the quality management system can be made. This includes data generated by measuring and monitoring activities and other relevant sources.

FCI analyses this data to provide information on:

- a) Customer satisfaction,
- b) Conformity to product requirements,
- c) Characteristics and trends of processes and product including opportunities for preventive action, and
- d) Suppliers.

#### **8.5 IMPROVEMENT**

##### **8.5.1 CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT**

FCI continually improves the effectiveness of the quality management system through the use of the quality policy, quality objectives, audit results, analysis of data, corrective and preventive action, and management review.

##### **8.5.2 CORRECTIVE ACTION**

FCI takes corrective action to eliminate the cause of nonconformities in order to prevent recurrence. Corrective action is appropriate to the effects of the nonconformities encountered.

The documented procedure for corrective action is established to define requirements for:

- a) Reviewing nonconformities (including customer complaints),

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## **1 ORGANIZATION**

### **1.1 SCOPE**

This section, Section Three, of the manual sets forth the Quality Assurance Program and the methods used to achieve implementation and documentation of the “Controlled” program. This program complies with the Requirements of ISO 9001:2000; the Quality System requirements of 10CFR50 Appendix B; and the basic Quality System Requirements of ANSI NQA-1-2000.

This Manual, *in its entirety*, unless identified otherwise, shall be issued as a controlled document to Fluid Components International LLC’s customers having contractual obligation to this section of the manual.

Appendix D to this manual lists job descriptions to show the activities that affect quality and how they interface with the Quality Assurance Program. For their relationship to the Organization, see Appendix A, Company Organization Chart.

## **2 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**

### **2.1 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

Fluid Components International LLC’s Quality Assurance Manual 07QA070003 is supplemented by numerous implementing procedures and are listed in Appendix B and referenced throughout this section of the manual. Procedures other than those referenced in this section may also be used to implement the Quality Assurance Program. When determined necessary, any of the procedures listed may be deleted from the program; however, the Quality Assurance Manager shall ensure that if a procedure is deleted the requirements stated in this manual are not compromised.

#### **2.1.1 ENGINEERING PROCEDURES**

01DM000064/01DM000025 Engineering Document Control

### **2.2 REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY MANAGEMENT**

A review of this manual shall be performed every calendar year at the direction of the Quality Assurance Manager. The purpose of this review is to determine the adequacy of the Quality Assurance Program in meeting Quality System Requirements outlined in the “Scope” in this section of this manual. The review shall also consider other codes or regulations as they apply to Fluid Components International LLC. The Internal Audit Team shall typically accomplish this review during the annual internal

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audit. Additional reviews may be performed when determined necessary by the Quality Assurance Manager. Reviews of the Quality Assurance Manual shall be documented. Changes found during the review that are necessary to improve the clarity or effectiveness of the Quality Assurance Program shall be incorporated.

Both the President and Chief Operations Officer of Fluid Components International LLC approved revisions "A" and "B" of this Quality Assurance Manual. Due to changes in the organization, the President hereinafter shall approve changes or revisions to the manual.

### **2.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

Organizations participating in the Quality Assurance Program shall be reviewed on a yearly basis. This review shall substantiate the effectiveness of implementation of the portion of the program for which each organization has responsibility. This review shall be accomplished during the internal audit of the Quality Assurance Program.

### **2.4 QUALITY PLANS**

In some instances there are customers with unique contractual quality requirements that are not specifically addressed in this manual or the supporting Quality Assurance Procedures. Some of these requirements may even come in conflict with stated policies in this Manual. To ensure unique contractual requirements relating to quality are incorporated, Quality Plans may be used to document and accomplish these requirements.

Quality Plans will state when and for whom they are applicable. They will also state that Quality Assurance Manual 07QA070003 will be used as a basis for the quality system. All additional or conflicting requirements will be addressed. Quality Plans shall take precedence over the Quality Assurance Manual. Quality Plans shall be generated by the Quality Assurance Manager and submitted to the customer for approval prior to implementation.

### **2.5 INDOCTRINATION AND TRAINING**

To the degree necessary, as determined by the Quality Assurance Manager, personnel performing quality functions and activities affecting quality shall be properly trained and indoctrinated in their respective areas of responsibility. Learning tools, such as on-the-job training, seminars, classes, testing, and the like, shall be used to accomplish these tasks. The documentation of indoctrination and training of Quality

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personnel and other personnel performing activities affecting quality shall be in accordance with Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704034.

## **2.6 QUALIFICATION OF PERSONNEL PERFORMING VERIFICATION AND AUDITING ACTIVITIES**

Personnel performing verification and auditing activities shall have the experience and training commensurate with the activity being performed. The capabilities of personnel performing these activities shall be determined initially by a review of their education, experience, training, and either test results or capability demonstration. Performance shall be re-evaluated periodically to assure continued satisfactory performance. Qualification requirements are more thoroughly described in Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704034 for verification personnel and 04QA704054 for Auditing personnel.

*NOTE:* Fluid Components International LLC does not employ Nondestructive Examination personnel; this is considered a "Special Process" and is covered in paragraph 10 of this manual.

## **3 DESIGN CONTROL**

### **3.1 CONTRACT REVIEW**

Upon receipt of all new Customer Contracts, the customer's Purchase Order and accompanying documents (i.e., specifications and drawings) shall be assigned to a Contract Manager. The Contract Manager, Quality Assurance Manager and when necessary an assigned Engineer, shall perform a Contract Review. At the option of the Contract Manager, other personnel from disciplines such as Qualification Engineering, Design Engineering, Production, and Purchasing may participate in this review. This review identifies design, regulatory and specification requirements, suitable materials and processes, and applicable codes and standards that shall be incorporated into Fluid Components International LLC drawings, procedures, and instructions. The review shall also include assignments for contract related design tasks. The review and assignments shall be documented on Contract Review forms described in Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704005.

### **3.2 DESIGN DOCUMENT REVIEW**

Documents created to support a customer contract such as Outline Drawings, Acceptance Test Procedures, etc. shall be reviewed by Contracts, Engineering, and Quality Assurance at a minimum to assure contractual requirements have been

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incorporated. Additional parties may participate in the review of these documents when specifically requested by the Contract Manager.

### **3.3 NEW DESIGNS**

New product requiring qualification to specific requirements shall have a Qualification Test Procedure developed to accomplish the testing. When required this document shall be submitted to the customer for approval.

The results of completed qualification testing shall be documented in the Qualification Test Report.

### **3.4 QUALIFICATION DESIGN VERIFICATION**

Design applications based on previously qualified designs and requiring traceability to an existing qualification test report shall be reviewed against the original design to ascertain any possible design changes or deviations made necessary by the customer's application and/or qualification envelope. Written documentation of the verification shall be required for all domestic Nuclear customers, and if imposed by the customer, for all other industries and regions.

This design verification and analysis shall be performed by qualified personnel not responsible for initiating the original design for all Nuclear applications. The same individual for all other industries can perform design verification and analysis.

This verification shall incorporate as appropriate, suitable testing programs, alternate or simplified calculations, design reviews, similarity analysis, or other approved methods. The verification shall be documented in accordance with Quality Assurance Procedure 06QA020013, Qualification Verification Analysis”.

### **3.5 DESIGN CHANGES**

Changes to or deviations from existing engineering design documents (i.e., revisions, temporary “Deviations” and "Use As Is" or "Repair" dispositions of nonconforming items) shall be properly documented and controlled. Design changes or deviations to engineering documents shall be reviewed, approved, and recorded in accordance with Engineering Procedure 01DM000064/01DM000025 and the nonconforming material procedure 04QA704004.

Any of the above-described design changes that affect the customer’s specifications or Fluid Components International LLC documents approved by the Customer shall

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require customer participation in the formal approval cycle. Customer approval shall be documented.

#### **4 PROCUREMENT DOCUMENT CONTROL**

##### **4.1 FLUID COMPONENTS INTERNATIONAL LLC PURCHASE ORDER REVIEW**

Quality Assurance shall review all Purchase Orders containing controlled items for incorporation of all applicable quality requirements and request for certification. When applicable, the Purchase Order shall require vendors to impose the Quality Assurance and contractual requirements of FCI's customers' Purchase Orders on sub-tier suppliers. The Purchase Orders shall identify and be reviewed for inclusion of applicable attachments such as controlled Drawings, and Certified Shippers. As appropriate, provisions for compliance to contract and federal regulations shall be included. When appropriate, provisions shall be included for access to the vendor's plant to perform audits, surveys, or source inspection. After review and approval, an authorized Quality Assurance Representative shall sign each Purchase Order. The signing of the Purchase Order by Quality Assurance acts as the official issuance of the contract.

##### **4.2 PURCHASE ORDER PROCEDURE**

For detailed instructions on completing, reviewing, correcting, or changing Controlled Purchase Orders and related documents, see Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704003.

#### **5 INSTRUCTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND DRAWINGS**

Activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by and performed in accordance with documented instructions, procedures, or drawings of a type appropriate to the circumstances. The documents describes in this section of the manual shall provide the means by which these activities are accomplished. The purpose for these documents is to supply Inspectors, Production and Test personnel, and vendors with adequate information to satisfactorily perform their respective activities and functions affecting quality.

##### **5.1 CUSTOMER ORDERS AND ORDER VERIFICATION PACKAGES**

All contracts subject to the requirements of this manual shall be processed in accordance with Quality Assurance Procedure 07QA704002.

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checklist, 05QA000104, shall be used as a guideline to assure that all required information is listed on the Certificate.

A "Certified Shipper" shall accompany parts sent by Fluid Components International LLC to vendors for fabrication or processing. The Certified Shipper contains information important to maintain traceability of the item(s). The vendor's signature is required on the Certified Shipper to certify that they had complied with the Purchase Order and drawing and that the items have been kept segregated without mixing batches of parts. See Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704003 for directions in completing and processing the Certified Shipper.

#### **7.4 AGE SENSITIVE MATERIALS**

All age sensitive materials as defined in Quality Assurance Table 08QA080000, are required to be purchased with the date of manufacture and/or an expiration date. If codes are used for either date, an interpretation of the code must be provided. Rotation practices, date code extensions, and internal shelf life policies are documented in Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704053.

#### **7.5 COMMERCIAL GRADE ITEM (CGI) DEDICATION**

Special consideration must be addressed for Commercial Grade Items intended for use in Safety-Related, Class 1E product. These include how the product will be used, critical characteristics for the environment and application, and qualification maintenance. These issues are addressed in Quality Assurance Procedure 06QA020014 and supported by numerous documents classified by FCI as "Technical Evaluations".

Testing methods of Commercial Grade Items are defined in Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704071.

#### **7.6 GOVERNMENT OR PURCHASER SUPPLIED ITEMS**

Government or purchaser supplied items are discussed in Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704055.



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## **9 CONTROL OF SPECIAL PROCESSES**

### **9.1 TYPES OF PROCESSES**

Special processes utilized by Fluid Components International LLC include Welding, Coating, Soldering, Non-Destructive Examination (NDE), Painting, Plating, Passivation, and Brazing. When additional special processes are brought in-house, a review shall be conducted to determine applicable specification compliance as well as training and certification requirements.

Currently, Welding, Conformal Coating, and Soldering are performed in-house. Measuring & Test Equipment used to control or verify quality of special processes shall be in accordance with paragraph 12, "Control of Measuring & Test Equipment", of this section of the manual.

Weld filler metal used for special processes shall be controlled to assure only accepted and correct items are used, and to assure that the filler metal is kept clean and free of contamination. Incoming Weld Fillers shall be processed through Receiving Inspection in accordance with Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704021, "Weld Filler Metal Control", and certified as directed in paragraph 7, "Control of Purchased Material, Equipment, and Services", of this section of the manual.

Special processes performed by outside vendors (NDE, Painting, Plating, Passivation, and Brazing) are performed in accordance with applicable specifications documented on the Purchase Order or applicable drawings. Special Processes shall be processed on Controlled Purchased Orders in accordance with Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704003. Items sent out for special processing shall pass through Receiving Inspection where the item and the processing certification shall be reviewed for conformance to the required specifications. The Receiving Inspection Checklist, 05QA000104, shall be used as a guideline to assure that all required information is contained on the Certification.

### **9.2 PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS**

Vendors performing NDE shall have personnel qualified to SNT-TC-1A perform the work.

Welders and Welding Procedures shall be qualified and their records shall be maintained in accordance with Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704039.

Soldering personnel shall be certified to FCI Workmanship Standards Manual, 04QA704057, as a minimum requirement. Personnel shall be trained and certified to other contractually specified requirements as necessary.

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for each Internal Audit. The Audit Plan will describe the audit team, audit timetable, and audit assignments.

A report to Management (including the President) shall be issued at the end of the audit describing the audit results. The report shall include copies of all Audit Findings and discuss the status, adequacy, and effectiveness of the Quality System. See Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704008 for detailed instructions.

## **18.2 EXTERNAL AUDITS**

FCI shall perform audits of vendors providing nuclear qualified items. The scope and content of the audit shall be in accordance with Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704008.

## **18.3 VENDOR SURVEYS**

Fluid Components International LLC shall perform surveys of vendors providing calibration services and vendors providing testing services. Surveys of special process vendors shall be performed when determined necessary by the Quality Assurance Manager. These surveys shall be performed to determine the vendor's capability in complying with FCI contractual requirements or determining continued compliance to contractual requirements. The scope and content of the survey shall be in accordance with Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704044.

## **18.4 AUDITOR QUALIFICATION**

The audit or survey shall be conducted by a qualified Lead Auditor, and can be assisted by other qualified Auditors. Auditors shall not have direct responsibility for the activities being audited.

Auditor qualifications shall be documented and shall conform to the requirements of Quality Assurance Procedure 04QA704054.