



Vicenza, 04th October 2019

Dear Customer,

concerning recent requests received about “Actions to control and prevent the risk of fraud and falsification”, consequent to some episodes happened in French market and pertaining material supply for nuclear application,

Acciaiere Valbruna declares that:

- The production cycle of material for nuclear application starts from scrap melting and, except some particular cases (e.g. some superficial finishing, or some NDT tests – to be defined in compliance with the final specific application) is completely carried on within our plants, according to standards and procedures defined in our internal quality system.
- Such procedures state for not exhaustive example:
 - o Full traceability of materials, starting from steel making and ending with warehouse storage
 - o An automatic system of data acquisition from instruments, during testing of materials, with the purpose of preventing mixing up, mistakes or falsification of the technical experimental measured data
- Should any production or analysis of materials carried out, if necessary, by third parties, a specific supplier qualification procedure is provided, according which suppliers are periodically audited and asked to observe the same requirements of traceability that we are applying internally. In addition, our specialized technical personnel frequently go to external suppliers to verify the correct execution of the processing and analysis of the material.
- Certificate of supplied material is released in a “.pdf” protected format, sealed and sent directly to the customer.
- Certification Office of Acciaierie Valbruna Spa offers a service of analysis, verification and confirmation of authenticity, to customers who request it: in case of discrepancies or inaccuracies, customer is promptly informed and invited not to use the material subject to verification, since the tested certificate does not correspond to the one stored into our archives.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you might need.

Best Regards,

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