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TO: 16R Monogram Licensees

FROM: Monogram Program/APIQR

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RE: API Specification 16R – Marine Drilling Riser Couplings

Please be advised that effective May 1, 2018, API will withdraw API Specification 16R – *Marine Drilling Riser Couplings* and as a result, the document will be removed from the Monogram Program. At that time, manufacturers of riser couplings under API Specification 16R shall cease applying the API Monogram on any applicable products manufactured. All previously issued API Specification 16R Monogram Certificates shall be destroyed.

The withdrawal of API Spec 16R is necessary considering that the riser couplings requirements are now included in the API Spec 16F, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition – *Marine Drilling Riser Equipment*.

Current API Specification 16R licensees have the following options:

1. Verify that all the API Spec 16F requirements for Riser Couplings are met by your organization, and transition your Monogram License from API 16R to API 16F. There will be no fees associated with this change. Please submit your request to [certification@api.org](mailto:certification@api.org) no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
2. Transition to a registration under API Spec Q1, 9th Edition, and/or ISO 9001:2015. You may apply for a QMS Registration that includes a scope to design and manufacture marine drilling riser couplings as applicable. Please complete an APIQR Registration and submit it to [certification@api.org](mailto:certification@api.org). There will be no application fees for applications received prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
3. Take no further action, resulting in the withdrawal of your API Specification 16R license on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Please note: If you are currently in the application stage for licensing under API Spec 16R, your application will be withdrawn. You will be contacted with further details concerning fees paid for the application.

For Monogram related questions regarding the removal of API Specification 16R, please send all inquiries to [certification@api.org](mailto:certification@api.org).

Sincerely,

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