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Dear Members,

At the outset, I convey my best wishes to our members, supporters and well-wishers for a happy and prosperous new year 2014.

I am pleased to inform you that IIW-India Visakhapatnam Branch had successfully organized a two day seminar on the theme, "Welding Management for Sustainable Development" on 22nd and 23rd November, 2013 at Visakhapatnam and IIW-India Mumbai Branch organized their Annual Seminar on the theme, "Welding Today & Tomorrow" on 3rd November, 2013 at Mumbai. Both the above Branch Seminars were well attended by the participants.

Coming back to the activities organized by the Institute, we continue to make excellent progress in the Skill Development area. Details of recent activities are as follows..

With respect to collaboration with IL & FS Inspection of a further 3 IL & FS training institutes at Bhopal, Indore and Baroda was conducted from November – December 2013. This will qualify total 10 IL & FS skill schools as ATIs. A separate contract for 2 lacs for validation of Audio – Visual content developed by IL & FS was negotiated, finalized and order received. Exercise for MMAW content validation along with IL & FS team was conducted at IIW India House from 28th – 30th October 2013. A 3-Day workshop for implementation of ASDC – Qualification Packs (QPs) & National Operating Standards (NOS) was conducted for 25 IL & FS trainers, at their Okhla, Delhi ATI by Controller - SDP.

After extensive discussions a collaboration agreement as "Knowledge Partner" was signed with ASDC. Subsequently an agreement to act as "Assessing Agency" under STAR scheme was also signed. A similar agreement is under finalization with the Capital Goods Sector.

The progress in Star scheme assessments under ASDC – STAR scheme has started. Assessment already done for 14 batches at Jatni, Chindwara, Baroda, Jubbalpore, Delhi, Gajapati, Baroda, Yamunanagar, Ropopnagar and Karnal during November – December 2013. Total 403 candidates assessed. Further assessments are scheduled from January 2014. Center assessment of 2 direct training partners of ASDC done at Coimbatore & Kolkata. Further 2 centers at Malda and Kolkata under assessment

You are aware that the IIW-India is hosting the International Congress (IC-IIW-2014) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi during 9-11th April, 2014. This is the 4th occasion when the International Institute of Welding has bestowed upon IIW-India the privilege of organizing this International event. Along with the above event IIW-India is also organizing 8th edition of WELD-INDIA series Exhibition at the above venue between 10-12th April, 2014, I would request all Branch Managing Committee of IIW India to approach to their local organization for deputing delegates, advertisements for Technical Souvenir including sponsorship. I would also request all the members of the Institute to register as delegate for this mega event. Don't miss the opportunity of participating this mega event of the Institute

Best Regards,



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