

IMPARTIALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The entity MWS – Master Welding Solutions, Lda., with its own legal personality, is represented by João David Cavaleiro Ventura de Carvalho and Pax das Neves Rocha, and includes the following entities in its structure:

MWS Testing Laboratory, MWS Testing Laboratory, with its own department, which carries out activities related to Non-Destructive Testing of Materials, Welding and related processes, in compliance with EN ISO/IEC 17025, in its own facilities and/or in facilities of its clients or others designated by them, being responsible for compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to all the activities it carries out.

And

MWS Personnel Certification Body, with its own department, responsible for carrying out conformity assessment activities under the normative reference EN ISO/IEC 17024 and for compliance and regular monitoring of the regulatory and legal requirements applicable to the activities it carries out.

And

MWS Inspection Body, with its own department, responsible for carrying out third-party conformity assessment activities under the normative references EN ISO/IEC 17020, and for compliance and regular monitoring of the regulatory and legal requirements applicable to the activities it carries out.

The management ensures that all its activities are carried out and managed with impartiality towards clients, applicants, candidates, and persons (certified or not), and that all its employees are free from undue pressure, whether external or internal, of a commercial, financial, or other nature, which may in any way influence their activities. [It is also ensured that under no circumstances will the remuneration or any other type of incentive for its top management and staff responsible for carrying out conformity assessment tasks within the aforementioned entities, depend on the number of assessments carried out or their respective results.](#)

The management understands that, due to the nature of the activities carried out by the aforementioned entities, situations may arise that could create conflicts of interest with the organization's other activities, namely with regard to consultancy services, training, project, and technical inspection of components and equipment. Therefore, and in view of the above, it also undertakes to ensure that the aforementioned entities will never carry out any activities that could jeopardize the trust, integrity, fairness, and independence of its assessments.

he management undertakes, within the scope of the activities of the Personnel Certification Body, to ensure that certification of individuals will not be limited through the use of methodologies that prevent unfair access by applicants, candidates, and certified persons. It also ensures that no candidate will be favored or disadvantaged for having applied or participated in training provided by MWS.

[Additionally, and in view of compliance with the Requirements Applicable to Notified Bodies and the requirements of the normative reference NP EN ISO/IEC 17020, the management then assumes the commitment of not carrying out conformity assessment activities as a Third Party Body \(\[Approval of Personnel that performs definitive joints - Annex I \\(3.1.2\\)\]\(#\)\) and as a Notified Body \(\[Approval of working methods for performing definitive joints - Annex I \\(3.1.2\\)\]\(#\)\), within the scope of Decree-Law n.º 111- D/2017, in organizations to which it provides technical consultancy services or other activities likely to conflict with the independence of its assessment in carrying out conformity assessment tasks, within the scope stipulated in its accreditation, for a period of never less than one year.](#)

Whenever there is a potential conflict of interest in MWS activities, an analysis of the situation will be carried out and, when necessary, actions will be taken in accordance with PS2 to ensure impartiality.



Management Commitments

MWS – Master Welding Solutions, Lda.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The management of **MWS - Master Welding Solutions, Lda.** will ensure that all entities, whether internal or external, commit to safeguarding the confidentiality of all information related to customers, suppliers, or the organization itself, to which they may have access within the scope of activities carried out by the MWS Inspection Body, MWS Personnel Certification Body or MWS Testing Laboratory, through the signing of the respective **Integrity, Impartiality, and Confidentiality Commitments**.

When the MWS Testing Laboratory, MWS Personnel Certification Body, or MWS Inspection Body is required to provide confidential information by legal or contractual provisions, the client or individual in question will be notified, and an agreement will be reached with them as to which information will be treated as non-confidential, unless prohibited by law. In the case of information about the client obtained from sources other than the client themselves, it will be treated as confidential.

The Management,

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João David Cavaleiro V. de Carvalho

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