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**European Vacuum Technology Association
(EVTA)**

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Article 1

Foundation

Companies internationally active in Vacuum Technology (Vacuum Pumps, Vacuum Instrumentation, Vacuum Systems and Vacuum Hardware) have established on June 21st 2006 the "European Vacuum Technology Association (EVTA)" in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, hereinafter referred to as EVTA.

Article 2

Objective

- (1) The objectives of EVTA shall be to assure European participation in the International Statistic Program on Vacuum Technology and the monitoring of International Trade fairs relating to the Vacuum Technology.
- (2) The working language shall be English.
- (3) The VDMA shall support EVTA, through its organisation and in its advisory capacity, within the framework of the objectives according to Paragraph (1).

Article 3

Membership

- (1) Members of EVTA shall be companies which have their headquarters anywhere in or outside of Europe and which are manufacturers of Vacuum Technology products according to Article 1. Only such headquarters shall be eligible for EVTA membership.
- (2) All German companies who are eligible for both VDMA membership and EVTA membership must be VDMA members. EVTA members who are also VDMA members may have different payment terms and conditions as defined in Article 4 of EVTA Rules for Contribution.
- (3) Companies which join the International Statistic Program on Vacuum Technology (ISVT) must be members of EVTA.
- (4) The Board of EVTA shall decide, in cases involving differences of opinions concerning the membership in EVTA, the admission as well as the expulsion of members.
- (5) The membership in EVTA shall end:

- (a) by voluntary withdrawal.
- (b) on discontinuance of business.
- (c) on opening of insolvency proceeding.
- (d) upon discontinuance of activity pursuant to Articles 3(1) and 3(2).
- (e) by expulsion.

Voluntary withdrawal must be undertaken by registered letter to the management in compliance with a termination period of six months to the close of a calendar year.

In cases of discontinuance of business, opening of insolvency proceeding or discontinuance of activity, the membership shall end on the day of this event. This is to be forwarded to the management in the form of a registered letter.

In case of 5a-5e, the affected member shall lose every legitimate demand to assistance and support offered by EVTA. Paid dues and contributions shall not be reimbursed.

Article 4

Contributions

- (1) The members shall, according to Article 3(1), pay contributions to EVTA in order to cover costs incurred by EVTA. The imposition and amount of contributions are stipulated in the EVTA Rules of Contribution which requires the agreement of the Board and agreement of the Restricted Board of VDMA.
- (2) By resolution passed by the General Assembly of EVTA, members can be charged dues for extraordinary activities.

Article 5

Organisation

The tasks of EVTA shall be carried out by:

- (a) the General Assembly (Article 6)
- (b) the Board (Article 7)
- (c) the Management (Article 9)
- (d) the Working Groups (Article 8)

Article 6

General Assembly

- (1) The EVTA General Assembly shall advise and decide over all questions regarding its objectives according to article 2 (1) should they not be assigned to other bodies. They shall decide in particular on:
 - (a) the election of the Board.
 - (b) required dues for extraordinary activities.
 - (c) the founding of working groups.
- (2) The General Assembly shall take seat

- (a) at least once a year.
 - (b) upon decision of the Board.
 - (c) within a period of 6 weeks should a minimum of 50% of the members register their reasons in written form to the Board.
- (3) The General Assembly shall be called and chaired by the Chairperson (Spokesman) of the Board. In case of prevention, by one of the Vice Chairpersons (Vice Spokesmen).
 - (4) Within the General Assembly, all members shall have one vote.

Abstained votes shall not be counted. Delegates of member companies, which officially represent the member company, are privileged to vote.

A member may be represented by another member only by means of written authorisation of attorney. A member can, at the most, represent two additional members in the General Assembly.

- (5) The General Assembly shall pass resolutions with the majority of the cast votes. He or she who has received the most votes shall be elected. Upon parity of votes, a run-off ballot shall decide among those who have acquired equal votes.

The manner of voting in the General Assembly shall be decided by the Chairperson according to (3) should the majority of those participating in the voting not demand a particular mode of election.

- (6) The Board may designate the passing of a resolution by the General Assembly in written form in cases appearing appropriate to it. Paragraph (5) clause 1 applies accordingly.
- (7) Regarding elections and resolutions of the General Assembly, a transcript shall be prepared which is to be signed by the Chairperson of the General Assembly and the management.
- (8) Delegates of member companies shall not further participate in the EVTA if they leave the employment of a member company.

Article 7

Board

- (1) The Board of EVTA shall consist of the Chairperson (Spokesman), 1 to 3 Vice Spokesmen as well as 1 to 5 additional Board Members.
- (2) Members of the Board may only be executives or executive authorities of the EVTA member companies. The Board membership is personal and is to be executed as honorary.
- (3) The Board shall be elected for a period of 3 years and shall remain in office until a new election is held.

The Board shall elect the Chairperson and the Vice Chairpersons for a period of 3 years. For the office of the Chairperson, a single re-election is possible. For Vice Chairperson and all additional board members, indefinite re-election shall be permissible.

- (4) Delegates of member companies can only be elected as Chairperson if they have served as a Board member for at least 1 year.
- (5) In case that one or more Board Members should leave the Board within the period of office, the General Assembly shall have the possibility to elect or to co-opt new members to ensure some continuity of active members.
- (6) Convenors of working groups may be invited to board meetings and General Assemblies by the Board as advisers without voting privileges.
- (7) Convenors shall be responsible to the Board and shall be required to report regularly.
- (8) One Board Member of the VDMA Vacuum Technology Section should be a member of the Board of EVTA.
- (9) Delegates of member companies must stand down from Board membership if they leave the employment of a member company. In the event that they join another member company they will be eligible for re-election.

Article 8

EVTA Working Groups

- (1) The Board may set up Working Groups as required to handle specific tasks related to the EVTA objectives in accordance with Article 2, for example in order to handle the improvement of the International Statistic Program on Vacuum Technology and the monitoring of International trade fairs. Members of working groups shall each be nominated for a period of 2 years by their Convenor, who will act as the chairperson for that working group. The working group has the possibility to call an outside expert with the agreement of the Board.

Article 9

Management

- (1) The General Secretary of EVTA shall be nominated by the VDMA Association Compressors, Compressed Air and Vacuum Technology and approved by the Board.
- (2) Applications for membership shall be forwarded to the General Secretary

Article 10

Miscellaneous

- (1) EVTA is a subdivision (working group) of the Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau (VDMA) e. V., Frankfurt/Main (German Engineering Federation), according to §15 of the VDMA-Statutes. EVTA-office is located in Frankfurt, Germany.
- (2) Amendments to the Statutes and Rules of contributions as well as the dissolution of EVTA shall require the agreement of minimum 75% of the cast votes in the General Assembly of EVTA as well as the agreement of the Restricted Board of VDMA.