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Michael Penders is Chairman of Environmental Security International (ESI) L3C. He has managed advanced investigations, developed standards for integrated Security Management Systems (SMS), and tested their application in numerous critical infrastructure sectors. Mr. Penders led assessment teams at Critical Infrastructure facilities in the private and public sectors. He has directed investigations into acts of terrorism, organized crime, industrial sabotage, and security risks around the world, and facilitated implementation of risk management and compliance programs.

Mr. Penders chaired the international group of experts which developed the first standard for integrated Security Management Systems (SMS). This approach has been adopted in several international standards such as ISO 27000, ISO 28000, ISO 31000, and ISO 26000, as well as environmental and security regulations, and guidance for best management practices. Mr. Penders has served on several ISO and ANAB committees and working groups, including the DHS Homeland Security Panel and ANSI's integrated Management System Strategic Advisory Board.

ESI clients have been recognized by the American National Accreditation Board (ANAB) for Best Practices in Cyber Security by certification to the international standard: ISO 27001:2005. Mr. Penders has worked with organizations such as DOD, DOE, NATO, EPA the United Nations, the American Chemistry Council, corporations, ports, and public utilities on environmental, security and risk management, related legal and policy issues, including cyber security and deployment of appropriate technologies.

Mr. Penders served as Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Committee on Homeland Security in the Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (SEER). Previously, he worked as a Prosecutor, Director of Legal Counsel for US EPA's Criminal Enforcement, and Chairman of the G8 Nations' Project on international organized crime. Michael has published numerous articles, testified before Congress on National Security and Criminal Justice matters, and spoken at dozens of major conferences around the world.

Mr. Penders is a certified Lead Auditor and Implementer for the ISO 27000 series of standards for Best Practices in Implementing Information Security Management Systems (ISMS). He currently works as a consultant for organizations in the financial services, data management, insurance, and public sectors to facilitate implementation of integrated risk management systems which may be certified to ISO standards, designed to assure compliance with applicable laws, Executive Orders, and government programs such as PS Prep, CFATS and CTPAT.