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## Project Management Update from Finland

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**Introduction**

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**Jarmo Suominen appointed Neste Jacobs' Managing Director**

Mr **Jarmo Suominen**, BSc (Eng.), 50, has been appointed Neste Jacobs' new Managing Director. Mr Suominen assumes the position on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

Mr Suominen served as the President of Chemical Process Industry business area in **Pöyry Industry Ltd** since 2007. Prior to this Mr Suominen has served as the Vice President of the **Pöyry Forest Industry** business group in charge of Project Management services. Before this Mr Suominen has held several senior management positions in numerous Finnish and global companies.

Mr **Lars Peter Lindfors**, Senior Vice President, Technology and Strategy, **Neste Oil Ltd** says "Mr Suominen's wide-ranging business experience, including 12 years in the Middle East, makes him an excellent choice for leading Neste Jacobs as it continues to move ahead with its new strategy. His strong international background and experience in engineering and project management provide an

excellent basis for success. I'm also more than happy that the current acting Managing Director, Mr **Tom Främling** will continue with us. Under his leadership, Neste Jacobs has gone through substantial change and has taken a major step toward achieving its goal of being a leading provider of engineering, technology and project services."

Mr Suominen is very excited about the opportunity to lead Neste Jacobs, commenting "Neste Jacobs has a unique and complete service offering portfolio in oil refining and chemical process industry starting from technology development to upscaling and all the way to complete EPCM (Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management) service deliveries. This enables Neste Jacobs to be competitive in both greenfield and revamp / debottlenecking projects.



In addition to complete project deliveries Neste Jacobs is a strong partner in FEED (Front End Engineering Design) and PMC (Project Management Consultancy). Ideal composition of ownership gives Neste Jacobs an excellent opportunity to further develop its operations as a leader in the selected areas of industry" Mr Suominen concludes. Mr Suominen is known as a strong change agent, as well as a straightforward and fair leader who does not hesitate to make difficult decisions or go into details as necessary. Mr Suominen can be contacted at [Jarmo.Suominen@nestejacobs.com](mailto:Jarmo.Suominen@nestejacobs.com) . (photo courtesy Jarmo Suominen)

### **ISO/PC 236 releases ISO 21500 Committee Draft**

Project Committee 236 of the **International Organization for Standardization** has released the **Committee Draft** version of the **ISO 21500**, the new international standard on project management. ISO/PC 236 has been working with determination since the June 2009 meeting in Tokyo, Japan, to be able to release the first Committee Draft version after several consecutive Working Draft versions.

The Committee Draft balloting time frame opened on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 with the release of the draft, and will come to a close on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2010. Each national ISO member participating in the ISO/PS 236 work will have the possibility to cast a vote in favor of / opposing the draft, and submit comments and suggestions for the ISO / PC working groups to follow.

The main difference between a Working Draft and a Committee Draft is the fact that a Working Draft is a confidential working document, and only available to the ISO/PC experts, whereas a Committee Draft is an open document, and available to all national ISO members and their ISO/PC 236 mirror committees.

Mr **Miles Shepherd**, International Advisor and Correspondent for PMForum in the UK, is chairing the ISO/PC 236. Mr Shepherd stated "I am very pleased that the strides our experts made in achieving consensus in the Tokyo Plenary have resulted in this Committee Draft. It is an important milestone in the development of our Standard as the full International community of project managers will now have their first opportunity to see the results of our work so far and to comment. I'm sure we will have an interesting and challenging time at our next plenary when we meet to reconcile the views of this community." (photo courtesy Jouko Vaskimo)



Mr Shepherd noted that proceeding in to the Committee Draft phase quickly is necessary in order to comply with the intention to publish the new standard officially in November 2012. Mr Shepherd extends his personal and ISO/PC 236 gratitude to the many National Experts and Liaison Groups who have contributed to the international effort to create the new standard, especially the chairmen of the three Working Groups and the members of the editing committee. Mr Shepherd can be contacted at [Miles.Shepherd@msp-ltd.co.uk](mailto:Miles.Shepherd@msp-ltd.co.uk) .

ISO 21500 builds on the existing standards and works at the national level. It is intended to be applicable to organizations of all sizes and sectors and will be designed for relative newcomers to project management, and as a reminder for the more experienced. At present, delegations of experts selected by the national standards institutes of 31 countries are participating in the work as P (participating) members, with another 5 countries participating as O (observing) members. There is one recognized liaison participating in the ISO/PC 236 work; **International Project Management Association.**

ISO/PC 236 work has been organized in to three *Working Groups*, each one concentrating on a given area of the standard. Working group 1 – Terminology (WG1) is chaired by Mrs **Becky Winston**, from ANSI and past chair of the PMI Board of Directors and Mr **Robert Hierholtz** (a PMI Volunteer Leader) from France as Secretary. Working Group 2 – Processes (WG2) is chaired by Mr **Reinhard Wagner** from Germany, a Board Member of IPMA-Germany, with Mr **Walter Bowman**, PMI Fellow, from ANSI as Secretary. Working Group 3 – Informative Guidance (WG3) is chaired by Mr **Reg Sutcliffe** from BSI, with Mr **Nigel Blampied** from ANSI as secretary. Mr **Joseph Alba**, also from BSI deputized for Mr Sutcliffe at the Tokyo Plenary.

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