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Dear Mr. Hellkötter:

RE: STUD BASE QUALIFICATION

Please find enclosed document KOSTE7 relating to the stud base qualification for Köster & Co. GmbH based on our recent Quality Audit at your Köster CZ s.r.o. Nádražní 235, 542 01 Žacléř Czech Republic facility.

The qualification was based on the requirements of CSA Standard **W59-2024**. This applies to the stud bases only, and any changes to these studs or the method of their manufacture that may affect the weld quality of the product must be reported to the Bureau and the stud base may be subject to requalification.

Your product will appear in the Bureau's annual listing of certified fabricators and products which are distributed throughout the fabricating market in Canada and abroad. The designated trade name and sizes will be listed as shown in document KOSTE7.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,
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**STUD BASE QUALIFICATION
FOR
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This is to advise Köster & Co. GmbH that the studs listed in this document and manufactured at Köster CZ s.r.o. Nádražní 235, 542 01 Žacléř Czech Republic have been qualified in accordance with **Clause H.4, Appendix H of CSA Standard W59-2024**.

The following studs were qualified in accordance with **Clause H.4, Appendix H of CSA Standard W59-2024**:

19mm Shear Connector (SD1 19)
22mm Shear Connector (SD1 22)
25mm Shear Connector (SD1 25)

These diameters of studs are suitable for arc welding to steel members where the stud is in direct contact with the steel and welded under the conditions given for stud welding in **Clause 6 of CSA Standard W59-2024**, using automatically timed stud welding equipment.

In accordance with **Clause H.4.11 of Appendix H, CSA Standard W59-2024**, this qualification shall remain valid until the manufacturer makes any change in the stud base geometry, material flux, or arc shield that affects the welding characteristics. In addition, qualifications shall be reviewed by the Bureau at a frequency of three years as stipulated in **Clause H.4.12.1 of Appendix H, CSA Standard W59-2024**.

In addition to the above stated conditions of qualification, any changes to the requirements for stud welding in **CSA W59-2024**, may affect the validity of this qualification.

At the option of the purchaser, the contractor shall be required to submit studs of the types used under the contract for check qualification in accordance with the procedures of Clause H.4. The contractor shall be responsible for the performance of these tests. At the option of the purchaser, tests may be performed by the contractor or the stud manufacturer.

The above noted qualifications is valid until **Jul 30, 2029**.

Yours very truly,
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