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The Nuclear Quality Standard Association (NQSA) is pleased to announce the awarding of the world's first NSQ-100 certificate to *Valinox Nucléaire* the Montbard(France)-based specialist for nuclear steam generator tubes and nuclear pipes & fittings. Valinox Nucléaire is a subsidiary of Vallourec group.



On June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, following the assessment performed by Bureau Veritas Certification under the supervision of Jacques Matillon, the Managing Director of Bureau Veritas Certification France, Valinox Nucléaire has been granted the very first NSQ-100 compliant supplier certificate.

The scope of activities audited for the certification of Valinox Nucléaire "**Nuclear Safety and Quality Management System**" includes casting, cold and hot manufacturing processes, heat treatment, destructive and non-destructive testing of seamless tubes, billets, sheets and plates in ferrous and non-ferrous alloys. The certificate is valid until 2018, June 04<sup>th</sup>.





NSQ-100 is intended to standardize requirements in a globalized nuclear market while increasing the safety culture and optimizing the costs, delivery time and quality. The standard is based on the collective learning gathered from international quality standards: **ISO 9001, GS-R-3 from IAEA and NQA-1 from ASME.**

NQSA, who counts up to 10 members (**AREVA, BUREAU VERITAS, SGS, ALSTOM POWER, Federal State Unitary Enterprise VO "Safety", ROLLS-ROYCE, WNA (World Nuclear Association), ROSATOM, MHI (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries) and ENGIE**), is an initiative launched by Areva and Bureau Veritas in order to promote the application of a robust international quality standard (NSQ-100) within the nuclear supply chain. The association aims at setting a "*nuclear oriented*" supplier evaluation process associated to a new certification scheme via the NSQ-100 Standard.

For more information about NQSA, NSQ-100 and our certification process, please visit our recently updated website:

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