



As all the EPERC members who took part in the General Assembly of June 6th already know, EPERC-AISBL has been dissolved, and I have been appointed as Liquidator. The notarial deed confirming the dissolution of the AISBL has already been published in the Belgian Official Journal: the English translation of the deed is attached to this newsletter.

I wish to underline the fact that in the intentions of all the members the dissolution of the AISBL should not mean the dissolution of EPERC, which should start again with a different basis, with less bureaucratic constraints and better focus on research activities, based on Task Group meetings, seminars and conferences. However, this requires the presence of a secretariat, possibly managed by an organization having already an ad-hoc structure, financed of course by the members, but capable of contacting all the European organizations and individual experts who are able to participate in these research activities.

I wish therefore invite all the members, as well as the engineers who took part in the various Task Group meetings held in the past, and who are working for universities, research institutions, industrial associations and notified bodies, or are in any way in contact with such organizations, to forward this message to all possible candidates: noting that the web site of EPERC, presently managed by Sant'Ambrogio Servizi Industriali, already contains a substantial amount of technical documents and meeting reports, which are the result of the activity of EPERC since its foundation in 1995 (by the way, the access keys to this important technical data base, which is the real heritage of the dissolved AISBL, are always valid for all the registered members of EPERC).

Note that the appointment of a secretariat (the former operating agent of the AISBL, however without the bureaucratic constraints which in the past had discouraged many possible candidates who were able to cover this role) is the necessary condition for the continuation of EPERC.

I am ready to answer all possible questions on this subject.

Thank you very much and best regards.

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(English translation of the original deed in French)

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Company number **0842 668 296**

Name (in full): **EUROPEAN PRESSURE EQUIPMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL** (abbreviated): **EPERC**

Legal form: **international non-profit association**

Full address of the head office: **at 1030 Schaerbeek, Boulevard Auguste Reyers 80**

Purpose of the act: **APPROVAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - LIQUIDATION – APPROVAL OF NEW STATUTES ADAPTED TO THE CODE OF COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS - RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS - APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR**

From a deed received by the notary Marc SLEDESENS, associate notary residing in Antwerpen (second canton), acting on behalf of SRL "Deckers notarissen", whose registered office is at 2000 Antwerpen (district Antwerpen), Léon Stynenstraat 75B (VAT BE 0469.875.423 - RPM Antwerpen division Antwerpen), June 6th two thousand and twenty-three, issued before registration, intended exclusively to be filed with the registry of the court of the companies, it appears that the members of the international non-profit association "EUROPEAN PRESSURE EQUIPMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL", abbreviated as "EPERC", having its registered office at 1030 Schaerbeek, Boulevard Auguste Reyers 80, registered in the register of legal persons with the court, of the French-speaking company of Brussels under the number 0842.668.296, have decided the following:

1. after reading the report of the management body, to which report has been attached a statement summarizing the active situation and liabilities, from which it follows that all debts have been paid in full, to dissolve the association and to put it into liquidation. Consequently, the association will no longer exist except for the needs of its liquidation.
2. Following the dissolution, the term of office as administrators of the association has terminated. The meeting therefore takes note of the resignation of the directors currently in function, in this case:
 - Mr. LIDONNICI Fernando;
 - Mr FAIDY Claude;
 - Mr BAYLAC Guy Claude Fernand;
 - Mr TONTI Andrea; and
 - Mr DI FRATTA Crescenzo;all with choice of domicile at the headquarters of the association.
3. to appoint as liquidator:
Mr. LIDONNICI Fernando, named.
It follows from the statement summarizing the active and passive situation, that all claims can be paid fully.
4. to grant the liquidator the broadest powers to accomplish his mission, in particular the powers mentioned in articles 2:121 and 2:122 of the Companies and Associations Code, without having to resort to authorisation of the general assembly in the cases provided for in article 2:122 of the same code. The association in liquidation is represented by a liquidator acting alone. The liquidator may, under his responsibility, delegate specific powers and set the remuneration therein attached. He can draw up the coordinated text of the articles of association and carry out the acts imposed by the closure of the liquidation.
5. Following the dissolution of the association and taking into account the Companies and Associations Code, it appears from the text of the statutes of the association the following:

Form and denomination: the international non-profit association in liquidation is called "EUROPEAN PRESSURE EQUIPMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL", abbreviated as "EPERC"

Seat: The head office is established in the Brussels-Capital Region

Disinterested aims and object: The association has the non-profit aims of international utility to develop the European industry of pressure equipment by research, as well as:

- promotion of the role and importance of the pressure equipment industry in Europe;
- the promotion and encouragement, in compliance with applicable law, of cooperation between decision-makers who are involved in the manufacture and use of pressure equipment;
- safeguarding the technical and economic interests of industry;

- encouraging technical progress, innovation, environmental protection and safety at work in the field of pressure equipment;
- the harmonization of legislation and standardization as well as acceptance tests at the level international to facilitate the exchange of goods across borders;
- the promotion of competitive methods in the field of in-service inspection and their recognition in European standardization and legislation;
- assistance and advice to the authorities involved in questions concerning equipment under pressure at European level.

Its mission is to coordinate and promote the common interests and strategies of the industry European pressure equipment and related industry, in relation with the European institutions and the international community.

Activities: The purposes will be achieved in particular, but not exclusively, through and by the exercise of the following activities:

- Ensure the representation of the pressure equipment industry in general in the European Union;
- Represent the members in the European Union;
- Take charge of international collaboration;
- Identify research and innovation needs;
- Based on these needs, launch joint actions and cooperative programs;
- In relation to the programs, define the priorities, the spread over time, the scope of the work and the funding;
- Provide support for carrying out the activities thus defined;
- Guarantee the transfer of technology through the dissemination of research results.

Duration: the association is constituted for an unlimited period. The association went into liquidation on June 6, 2023.

General Assembly: the general assembly consists of all members. To be admitted to the meetings of the general assembly, each legal entity member must, three (3) working days at least before the date of the planned meeting, inform the liquidator, in writing, of his intention to attend, indicating the name and quality of the person who will represent him.

Administration: following the dissolution of the association, the association is administered by a liquidator. The liquidator has the most extensive powers to accomplish his mission, in particular the powers mentioned to articles 2:121 and 2:122 of the Companies and Associations Code, without having to resort to the authorization of the general assembly in the cases provided for in article 2:122 of the same code. The association in liquidation is represented by a liquidator acting alone. The liquidator may, under his responsibility, delegate specific powers and set the remuneration therein attached.

Social exercise: the dissolution of the association on June 6, 2023 resulted in the closing of the financial year in accordance with article 2:109 of the Companies and Associations Code. Each year, the liquidator of the association submits the annual accounts to the general assembly with an indication of the causes which prevented the liquidation from being completed.

Election of residence: any member of the association, the commissioner or the liquidator can elect domicile at the place where one pursues its professional activity. In this case, only this address will be communicated in case of consultation of the file. Any notification regarding the association to the liquidator and to the members is validly made to the last e-mail address notified to the association, or failing that, to the last postal address duly notified. Any modification must be notified to the liquidator by email with acknowledgment of receipt or by registered letter, or by letter with acknowledgment of receipt. In the absence of an election of domicile duly notified to the association, this domicile shall be deemed to be elected by operation of law at head office where all notifications, summonses, subpoenas, and services will be validly made.

FOR ANALYTICAL EXTRACT:

The Notary Marc SLEDSSENS has deposited

- shipment of the act
- coordinated text of statutes and history changes to articles of association
- filed with registry of the competent court of company and in the bank of data electronics statutes of the Federation of the Belgian Notariat.