

At **NORD WELDING & ENGINEERING AS** (NWE), we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of impartiality, transparency, and integrity in all our services. In accordance with ISO/IEC 17020 and the principles of impartiality, we enforce strict policies to ensure our independence and neutrality.

Key Principles:

- **No First-Party Inspection:** NWE does not provide first-party inspection services, as it is not a manufacturer and does not engage in self-inspection. Therefore, first-party inspections are not applicable to our operations.
- **Restriction on Third-Party Inspections for Prior Projects:** To uphold impartiality and prevent conflicts of interest, NWE strictly prohibits offering third-party inspection services for projects where it has previously conducted second-party inspections or collaborated with vendor clients.
- **Prohibition of Consulting and Engineering Services:** NWE does not engage in consulting. Additionally, any engineering services that could influence inspection activities, compromise independence, or affect impartiality are strictly forbidden.

Operational Guidelines:

- Second-party services, such as vendor assessments, quality audits, or evaluations, will always remain separate from third-party inspections.
- Before accepting any third-party service agreement, NWE will conduct a thorough conflict-of-interest assessment to ensure that no second-party inspection has been or will be carried out for the same project.
- All third-party inspections will be performed independently, with no prior involvement in second-party inspections for the same project.
- If a third-party inspection request relates to a project where NWE has previously performed second-party services, the request will be declined to uphold impartiality.
- All employees will receive ongoing training on maintaining a strict separation between second-party and third-party services and understanding the risks associated with conflicts of interest.

Monitoring and Compliance:

- NWE will continuously monitor operations to ensure compliance with this policy, with internal audits conducted regularly to verify adherence.
- Any violation of this policy will prompt immediate corrective measures, including the suspension of affected activities and a review of procedures to prevent recurrence.

Confidentiality Assurance:

- All information obtained through second-party and third-party services will be handled with strict confidentiality in accordance with NWE's confidentiality policies.
- Data acquired from second-party engagements will never be used in third-party inspections unless explicitly authorized by the client and in full compliance with confidentiality agreements.

By adhering to these principles, NWE ensures the highest levels of impartiality, prevents conflicts of interest, and upholds the integrity of both our company and our clients.

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