



ASSOCIATION OF WELDING PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS
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**MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETING OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF WELDING PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS**

Minutes of AWPM Managing Committee Special Zoom Meeting held on 25th January 2022

Meeting date – 25th January 2022

Time – 14.00 to 15.00hrs

Persons attended

1. Mr. Pankaj Jain
2. Mr. Aditya Malkani
3. Mr. Rohit Gambhir
4. Mr. Debo Banerjee
5. Mr. Sanjay Kapoor
6. Mr. R K Gupta
7. Mr. Vineet Bansal
8. Mr. Rohit Mulchandani
9. Mr. Hardik Sanghvi
10. Mr. Nimesh Chinoy
11. Mr. Monil Shah
12. Mr. Ramakanth
13. Mr. Varun Kapoor
14. Mr. Manu Gulati
15. Mr. Meet Morzaria
16. Mr. Ravindra Deshpande
17. Mr. Divya Agarwal
18. Mr. V B Tamboli

Leave of Absence

- Mr. H P Ledwani
Mr. D S Honavar

Above mentioned members logged in for the e-meeting on ZOOM platform. As informed to the members before, this meeting was specially scheduled to discuss and conclude the decision of members on the recent notification released by BIS for the mandatory compliance of flux cored welding wires.

Hon. Chairman chaired the meeting and welcomed the members for the meeting. He explained the background for calling this special meeting to discuss the view point of

members on the notification issued for mandatory compliance and registration of flux cored welding wires with BIS. He explained that some of the members have approached AWPM to help get released the imported flux cored wires (71T1/71T5) stuck at various docks which does not meet the compliance and registration of BIS. Hon Chairman also briefed members that AWPM has been always taking the stand of mandatory compliance and BIS registration for all welding products and supported the 'Atmanirbhar' initiative of the government while representing with various government bodies. He thus requested members one by one for their viewpoint and decision on these matters.

Following members gave their view points and decision as follows

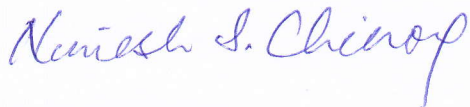
1. **Mr Aditya Malkani** informed that Ador Welding always believe in indigenous development and manufacturing of all welding products and therefore support mandatory compliance and registration of BIS for welding products. We will have some pain areas for short period like the material stuck at docks for custom clearance which will be momentary for short period and we have to bear it, but we always support indigenous manufacturing and Atmanirbhar initiative of the government.
2. **Mr. Rohit Gambhir** informed that ESAB India also believes in indigenous manufacturing and mandatory compliance/registration of BIS for all welding products. All our products manufactured in India do meet requirement of BIS standards.
3. **Mr. Debo Banerjee** informed that the EWAC also agrees for meeting the mandatory compliance and BIS registration of welding products whenever such notifications are issued by the authorities and always support the **Make in India** and **Atmanirbhar** initiatives of the government.
4. **Mr. R K Gupta** agreed with viewpoints expressed by previous speakers and support mandatory compliance and BIS registration of welding products.
5. **Mr Rohit Mulchandani** agreed with viewpoints expressed by previous speakers in principle and also suggested government should introduce additional anti-dumping duty to control the large scale imports.
6. **Mr Hardik Sanghvi** expressed that first of all we should thank government for making mandatory compliance and registration of BIS for flux cored wires, which should be extended for other welding products also. He also agreed with the viewpoints of previous speakers and appreciated their decision of mandatory compliance and registration by BIS for all welding products.
7. **Mr Ramakanth** also expressed the same view points on the mandatory compliance and registration by BIS for flux cored welding wires. He further suggested that such compliances should be extended on other welding products including welding equipment and support BIS mandatory compliance for all welding products.
8. In the same manner other speakers starting from **Mr Divya Agarwal** to **Mr Monil Shah, Mr Sanjay Kapoor, Mr Varun Kapoor, Mr Manu Gulati, Mr Vineet Bansal, Mr Meet Morzaria and Mr Ravindra Deshpande** who were present in the meeting, have also agreed and expressed the same view points as that of previous speakers mentioned above.

9. **Hon Chairman Mr Pankaj Jain and Hon Secretary Mr Nimesh Chinoy** also agreed and expressed the same view points as above on the mandatory compliance and registration of BIS for all welding products. Mr Nimesh Chinoy has further suggested that we should ask for some incentives to welding products manufacturers from government for indigenous manufacturing and getting mandatory compliance and registration done from BIS on priority.

In conclusion, all the members present in the meeting agreed for the mandatory compliance and registration of BIS for welding products whenever such requirements are released by BIS/DPIIT supporting "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar" initiatives of the government, which validate the stand of AWPM taken during their representation from time to time with government bodies.

Meeting was concluded with vote of thanks from the Chair, particularly for attending the special meeting with short notice.

For Association of Welding Products Manufacturers



Mr. Nimesh Chinoy

Hon. Secretary