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Dear Ms. Stewart:

This letter responds to your March 25, 2009, inquiry on API 16D, *Specification for Control Systems for Drilling Well Control Equipment and Control Systems for Diverter Equipment*, 2nd Edition, July 2004. API understands your inquiry as follows:

Background: We have a request for quote from a customer that wants us to supply a BOP control system with wireless remote interfaces built and monogrammed to API 16D. I know that wireless interfaces are not addressed in second edition of API 16D and have great concern with trying to monogram a system with a wireless interface.

Question: Is it permissible for API 16D Monogram licensees to apply the API monogram to BOP control systems with wireless interfaces?

Reply: No. The API Monogram license agreement states:

“Licensee agrees that use of the API Monogram on the products shall constitute a representation and warranty by Licensee to API and to the purchasers of the Licensee’s products that the products conform to the applicable standards, specifications, and requirements of API.”

Since API 16D does not contain requirements for wireless BOP control systems, it is not possible for the licensee to warrant that such systems comply with the standard.

Interpretations issued on API standards can be found on the API website at <http://committees.api.org/standards/tech/index.html>.

Thank you for your interest in API standards.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roland Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.