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Announcement: Webster Zhang, General Manager of the IATF Beijing Administrative Office

On behalf of the International Automotive Oversight Bureau (IAOB) Board of Directors, we would like to announce the promotion of Mr. Webster Zhang to the position as the General Manager of the IATF Beijing Administrative Office effective June 1st, 2024.

Mr. Webster Zhang will replace Mr. Sam Chen who retired as General Manager of the IATF Administration Office effective June 1st, 2024, after 18 years of service and many contributions to the IATF. Our sincere appreciation to Mr. Chen for his dedicated working for the IATF Beijing Administration Office and the entire IATF scheme in China.

In this new role, in addition to witness audit and office assessment activities, Mr. Zhang will be responsible for managing the IATF's audit and assessment activities in China, ensuring adherence to the IATF Rules by all IATF CBs.

He will also be monitoring auditors operating in China, reporting on status of witness audits / office assessments conducted in China, and escalating nonconformances to executive management. Mr. Zhang will directly report to Ms. Yan Zhang, IATF Beijing Administrative Office Managing Director.

In this new role, Mr. Zhang will also establish a working relationship with the appropriate People's Republic of China government agencies and officials that will aid in the improvement of the reputation of the IATF Certification Scheme in China.

Mr. Zhang has served at the IATF Administrative Office as a witness auditor since April 2019. Before joining the IATF, he held various positions of increasing responsibility at several Certification Bodies. He also holds a bachelor's degree from the East China University of Science and Technology in Macromolecule studies.

Please join us in congratulating and supporting Mr. Webster Zhang in this new role and thanking Mr. Sam Chen for his 18 years of service. Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bruin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James S. Bruin

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