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Dear Mr Holecek,

As you know, I shall soon be coming to the end of my time as IEC General Secretary and CEO, so I wanted to express my appreciation to you for the support that you, your predecessors and colleagues in the Czech National Committee have given me personally, and the IEC as a whole, over the past 13 years.

It has been a period of great change for the IEC, full of challenges of all kinds and magnitudes, but full also of achievements of which we can all be proud. In that time, we have hugely expanded our reach round the world, not only with our standards but also our conformity assessment activities. We have led the way in transitioning from a paper to an almost entirely electronic world in standardization. We have substantially modernized our structure, governance and worldwide operations in the drive for greater efficiency, introducing many new and improved services to our customers.

Above all, and particularly through you and your colleagues, we have done our utmost to stay close to our markets and their needs, in industry, the utilities, governments and elsewhere. As a guiding principle, I believe that lies at the very core of the IEC's business and management culture. It has certainly been close to my own heart over the years, so I especially thank you for your support in maintaining and building on these direct links with the market – with industry in particular – as one of the IEC's great strengths.

The member National Committees are the IEC and you are what differentiates the IEC from its peers among the very many international organizations we know of and work with. From my personal standpoint, you and your colleagues are what has made the IEC such an interesting and rewarding organization for me to be part of as General Secretary.

The new Masterplan sets many new goals and targets both for you and for my successor, Frans Vreeswijk. I am sure that, given the same support that I have enjoyed, he and you will together meet the challenge and a strong and independent IEC will continue to flourish at the pinnacle of the international standardization system.

For my part, after Frans takes up the reins as General Secretary and CEO on 1 October, I will continue to be in close contact as Special Adviser to the IEC President, so I hope we may have the opportunity to meet again in the coming months. In the meantime, my sincere thanks again for your support – it has been both a pleasure and a great privilege to work with you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Amit', written over a light blue horizontal line.

A. Amit
General Secretary & CEO