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## **ISO/TC-204 Communiqué from the Designated Secretariat**

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### **South Africa Hosts International ITS Experts as Western Cape Studies High-Tech Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) to Increase Safety, Efficiency and Development**

**Cape Town, South Africa** -- More than 150 participants from over 20 countries, as well as regional and international organizations gathered in Cape Town, South Africa on October 2-6, for meetings and three workshops of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Technical Committee 204 (Intelligent Transport Systems – ITS). The activities made positive contributions in international standards that facilitate trade, sustainable development, security, health and safety issues and enable technological advances that transform the way people travel and communicate. The ISO/TC-204 meeting took place in Cape Town at the invitation of the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) and the Head of the South African delegation, Neil Frost. SABS provided organizational, technical, and logistical support in collaboration with the newly transitioning American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-designated Secretariat, the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA). This was TIA's first meeting as TC-204 Secretariat and TIA will be responsible for overall administrative and technical support for the committee. The meeting also benefited from the support and sponsorship of the following organizations;

- Department of Transport, and Public Works;
- The City of Cape Town;
- South African Society of Intelligent Transport Systems;
- Accenture;
- Airwave Technologies;
- Arcus Gibb;
- Digicore Fleet Management;
- Efkon;
- Questek – Wayfarer;
- Reutech Defense Logistics;
- TransPay; and;
- Transport Telematics Africa

As part of the meetings, three workshops were held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to discuss common worldwide transport issues and how international standards can help address these challenges. Specific topics of the workshops, which were all well-attended, were “Using Web Services and Extensible Markup Language (XML) in ITS” and a well-attended ISO/TC-204 Outreach Workshop: “Intelligent Solutions for Transport Challenges” and “Electronic Fee Collection” as part of the normal Working Group meeting. The success of the ISO workshops was made possible through the participation and attendance of local and transportation specialists from all spheres of industry, academia, and government.

TC-204 Chair and Vice President for Global Automotive Initiatives at Connexis, Michael Noblett, stated how pleased he was the committee could meet in this beautiful city. In addition to a productive meeting and workshops, he said he had a beneficial meeting with Provincial Minister Fransman and the Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Councillor Arendse regarding transportation initiatives and models to consider. Noblett commented, “Intelligent Transport Systems technologies are not magic, they are tools for sustained community progress and development of systems compatible to future growth. As such, future infrastructure and resulting economic growth will benefit from public sector support.”

Following the workshops, TC-204 was honored with an official reception hosted by Cape Town’s Deputy Mayor. The reception provided a forum for the Deputy Mayor, along with City Councillors and other government officials, an opportunity to candidly discuss ongoing transport issues in the region. There was clear enthusiasm for emerging ITS solutions and a hope that the deployment of advanced ITS solutions will provide an opportunity to ‘leap-frog’ over existing technologies and provide communities such as Cape Town with state-of-the-art infrastructure. Through the innovative use of local adaptations incorporating internationally recognized standards, it is possible to facilitate this process, while concurrently generating significant social and economic returns. ISO/TC204 is honored to be at the forefront of this process.

In all, delegates from over 20 countries attended the TC-204 Plenary, Heads of Delegations’ (HOD), and Working Group meetings in Cape Town. The countries officially represented at the 28<sup>th</sup> Plenary and HOD meetings included Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States. The next international meeting of ISO/TC-204 will be held in April 2007, hosted by the American National Standards Institute and the U.S. Delegation. For more information on ITS or TC-204, contact the Secretariat at [tc204sec@tiaonline.org](mailto:tc204sec@tiaonline.org) or visit the ISO Web site at: <http://www.iso.org/iso/en/stdsdevelopment/tc/tclist/TechnicalCommitteeDetailPage.TechnicalCommitteeDetail?COMMID=4559>.

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**Background on TIA as new TC-204 Secretariat:** The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) is a leading trade association and Standards Development Organization for the information and communications technology (ICT) industry. TIA serves ICT suppliers to global markets through its leadership in standards development, domestic and international policy advocacy, and facilitating member business opportunities. TIA is accredited by the American National Standards Institute to develop American National Standards needed by the industry and other users. TIA represents the communications sector of the Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA). TIA has been US Working Advisory Group (WAG) 16 Administrator for the US Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to ISO/TC-204 WG16 for many years and is now the US TAG Administrator and the ANSI-designated International Secretariat for TC-204. Please contact David Thompson at TIA about either the US TAG or the International activities of TC-204 at [Dthompson@tiaonline.org](mailto:Dthompson@tiaonline.org). Website: [www.tiaonline.org](http://www.tiaonline.org).