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TO: API Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System (EOLCS) Licensees  
API Lubricants Committee  
Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Provisional Licensing for ILSAC GF-5/API SN

API has learned that a 60- to 90-day backlog currently exists to run ASTM D7216 Annex 2, Elastomer Compatibility, one of the tests used to qualify engine oils for licensing against the API SN and ILSAC GF-5 standards. In response to this backlog, API's Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System has invoked Provisional Licensing in accordance with paragraph 3.7.9 of API 1509. API Provisional Licensing only applies to oil marketers that need to run ASTM D7216 Annex 2, Elastomer Compatibility, to qualify a product or formulation as API SN and/or ILSAC GF-5. API 1509 requirements for Provisional Licensing are listed below:

1. A request for Provisional Licensing of an oil is made by completing Section 4 of the attached Part B form. This form must be used if applying for Provisional Licensing as a result of the ASTM D7216 Annex 2 backlog.
2. To qualify for Provisional Licensing, applicants must provide proof that the oil is expected to pass ASTM D7216 Annex 2. This might include the following types of data:
  - a. With same DI additive: Data in ILSAC viscosity grade supports Provisional Licensing for Non-ILSAC grade.
  - b. With DI that is a minor modification (per ACC Code): Elastomer data supports Provisional Licensing for final DI additive formulation in all viscosity grades.
  - c. With Group II or Group III base oils: Data in core data set supports all Provisional Licensing for BOI data.
  - d. With Group I and Group II/III base stocks: Elastomer data in a base oil blend support Provisional Licensing for similar blends.
3. By January 1, 2011, the licensee holding the provisional license must obtain a passing result on the ASTM D7216 Annex 2 test and provide proof of passing to API. The licensee will request full licensing of the oil by completing a revised Part B for the provisionally licensed oil. The Part B form requires the licensee to confirm that an oil is fully tested. After receiving the revised Part B, API will respond with a notification that the oil is fully licensed.
4. If a provisionally-licensed oil fails to pass the ASTM D7216 Annex 2 test, the licensee must notify API immediately. API may demand the licensee recall the provisionally-licensed oil from the market.



5. If a revised Part B for the provisionally licensed oil is not received by API by January 1, 2011, API will cancel the provisional license for that oil and notify the licensee that the oil is no longer eligible to display the API Service Symbol and/or the API Certification Mark.
6. Engine oils granted an API provisional license will be listed in API's Directory of Licensees on API's website in the same manner as API-licensed oils, without any special designation. The licensee is still responsible for the satisfactory performance of all engine oils granted an API provisional license.

If you have questions, please contact Dennis Bachelder at 202 682 8182 ([batchelderd@api.org](mailto:batchelderd@api.org)) or Jeff Harmening at 202 682 8310 ([harmeningj@api.org](mailto:harmeningj@api.org)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Ferrick".