

# **Scuba Industries Trade Association Ltd** **. trading as IDEST**

**A UKAS Accredited Certification Body No. 0248 for ISO/IEC 17024:2012**

## **Quality Policy Statement & Objectives**

The Inspectorate for Diving Equipment Servicing and Testing (IDEST) was set up in 1985 with the view to providing an independent assessment of Test Centres and Technicians to prove that they are working to the appropriate British Standards. Services are performed by highly qualified, impartial and independent inspectors who check the equipment, personnel, documentation and records of the Test Centre. Those meeting the standard are given IDEST Approval and are awarded an Approval Certificate and the use of a unique IDEST Test Centre stamp, as detailed in the IDEST leaflet '*Testing of Diving Cylinders*'.

IDEST is committed to delivering quality inspection services that meet clients' requirements and satisfaction. We recognise that our team of experts and competent employees are the most important resource in the achievement of this policy and that, we encourage a positive and open culture for participation, communication and consultation.

In order to achieve this, IDEST has established, implemented and maintains a documented Management System to meet the requirements of the following standards :

ISO / IEC 17020:2012 & ISO / IEC 17024:2012

We are committed to achieving the following objectives:

- Define responsibilities, authorities and communication process within the organization and all of its business undertakings;
- Allocate and manage resources appropriately including human resources, infrastructure and safe working environment;
- Execute activities which comply to client requirements, applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and related international standards;
- Ascertain that all staff are trained, competent and aware of their roles in providing quality products and services;

In order to ensure that all Test Centres are working to the same standards and interpreting them uniformly, IDEST Test Centres and those Technicians seeking approval, all work to the IDEST Code of Practice CP11:2022 and are re-examined tri-annually. In the intervening years Test Centres provide a self-declaration confirming that their equipment and procedures have not changed and that all calibration certificates are current.

The IDEST Scheme Committee reviews and maintains all procedures, documentation, standards and Inspector training annually or sooner if required.



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IDEST works as the technical arm of the Scuba Industries Trade Association (SITA) with the main responsibility of inspecting and assessing Cylinder Test Centres and certifying Cylinder Test Technicians to National (UKAS) standards. IDEST currently enjoys the support of the major Diver training agencies (BSAC, PADI, SSI, and SAA) as well as the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT) and Luxfer Cylinders I Ltd, its efforts have long been acknowledged by the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

This policy shall be communicated to all members of IDEST and relevant stakeholders and reviewed regularly to keep it relevant and up to date.

**Signed;.....**  ..... **Date:.....24<sup>th</sup> March 2025...**  
**Chairman**

**Signed:.....**  ..... **Date:..... 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025...**  
**Chief Engineer**