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### **The European Copper Institute (ECI) Has Signed a Cooperation Agreement With CENELEC**

On 29 November, ECI's Acting Chief Executive, Mr. David Ellison, and CENELEC's Secretary General, Mr. Pieter Parlevliet, signed a co-operation agreement. ECI can now formulate advice to CENELEC on current and future standards programmes. CENELEC considers this as a direct benefit for the European standardization process and for the establishment of the European Economic Area. Subsequent dissemination and promotion of European standards via the ECI network is another advantage.

Although copper's excellent resistance to corrosion has been known since the time of the pharaohs, its high thermal and electrical conductivity was discovered merely 200 years ago. Nowadays copper and its alloys are easily recognizable in plumbing and heating systems or roofing. Yet the metal's wide-spread use for electric and electronic applications in houses, offices, commercial and industrial buildings is not sufficiently known.

ECI is an industry partnership joining the world's largest copper producers and Europe's leading fabricators to promote copper in Europe. Western Europe consumes approximately 3.5 million tonnes of copper annually, 30% of the world's demand. Over 50% of Western European copper consumption flows into wire and cable. Copper is used in numerous electrical engineering products such as power cables, motors, transformers, building wire

On behalf of CENELEC, Mr. Parlevliet welcomed ECI as the 27th CENELEC co-operating partner, highlighting CENELEC's will to foster the participation of all those interested in the standardization process. The commitment and input of the ECI's representation in dedicated technical committees' meetings will further increase the quality of derived European standards.

"CENELEC is looking forward to receiving constructive proposals and comments about the future and present work items", he added.

*CENELEC, (the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization), has the institutional responsibility and authority in application of the European Commission Directive 98/34/EC for proposing, adopting and editing the European electrotechnical standards for products and services brought on the European Market. CENELEC adopts the required standards, in co-operation with the IEC, ETSI and CEN. CENELEC also seeks to coordinate voluntary certification and testing schemes for*

*electrotechnology. CENELEC deliverables are European Standards (EN), Harmonization Documents (HD), or European Pre-Standards (ENV), Reports and European Specification (ES). When European standards deviate from International standards, they do so via common modifications. These achievements create a unified and open market for the whole world.*

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