IOGP and ISO agreed in June 2012 to an Interim Solution that responded to temporary industry uncertainties associated with trade regulations (EU and US) and their applicability to standardisation in the oil & gas sector. The Interim Solution allowed the continuation of the development and maintenance of prioritised ISO/TC 67 work items and involved the development and publication of draft standards by IOGP. This solution was replaced by the Standards Solution, wherein IOGP continues to host technical work of ISO/TC 67 under the Association’s auspices, in accordance with trade regulations including observing complete confidentiality and in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives.

**How are standards developed under IOGP?**

The IOGP Standards Solution is designed as simple as possible. It has adopted the procedures that are common to ISO, like the ISO/IEC Directives. By offering a secured environment under the IOGP umbrella, working groups and project teams can have technical discussion without concerns about technical assistance and sanction-breaking technology transfer. In this way, working groups and project teams can develop standards needed by the industry and resolve comments received during ballots. Balloting of draft ISO deliverables and publishing of ISO deliverables will remain in the ISO system. Once working groups or project teams have finished their work, the deliverables will be put into the public domain for further processing in the ISO system by the ISO/TC 67 secretariat. Above figure schematically presents this process.

**Who may join the IOGP Standards Solution?**

The Standards Solution is open for all working groups and project team of ISO/TC 67 and its sub committees as well as technical committees in liaison with ISO/TC 67. Representatives from all parts of industry are welcome, except from those countries under EU and US sanctions. Therefore, joining the Standards Solution is subject to approval by the IOGP Secretariat. All approved members will be registered and receive a ShareFile account. Working group convenors and project leaders are responsible for monitoring their members list and inform the IOGP Secretariat about any changes prior to meetings and email exchanges in the working groups.

**What is ShareFile?**

ShareFile is an online secure password-protected area under IOGP administration for storing and sharing information within working groups or project teams. Working groups and project teams are asked to use ShareFile to ensure exclusivity and confidentiality of the documents that are needed to develop standards, including meeting agendas and minutes. Members have only access to folders for which they have been registered. All members have access to the tools box folder that contains background information, procedures, communications, and templates.

**More information**

For further information on the IOGP Standards Solution, please contact the Standards Solution Project Manager at email: StandardsSolutionPM@iogp.org

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