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Brussels, 2 May 2006.

Dominique ROCHE  
Chairman of CLC TC 215

**Object: CLC TC 215: Changing of Title of EN 50174**

Dear Sir,

I am very happy to have met you at last meeting of the ICTSB/SHSSG on last Friday and would be pleased to meet you on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.

However in the meantime and as mentioned after the meeting, I need to mention some concerns of the AIE regarding the title of EN50174.

Indeed TC 215 is the competent European committee to provide for the necessary European cabling infrastructure standardization.

As mentioned on the CENELEC website, with teleworking becoming more attractive, not only classical business premises but also SOHO (Small Office Home Office) need an appropriate cabling infrastructure. Moreover, with the convergence of applications, the formerly separated markets for office communication, multimedia and intelligent buildings are merging. This will further amplify the requirement from the end user for generic cabling solutions, which cover the full range from low-speed control applications to high-speed internet access or video on demand services.

The European Association for Electrical Contractors, the AIE, would like hereby to express its concern that some members within the TC 215 of CENELEC propose to change the title of the standard EN 50174 "IT Cabling" to EN 50174 "Telecommunications cabling".

Our concern is that this could exclude electrical contractors from working on telecommunication systems, part of their today's business. As you know, 'Information Technology' is indeed a term that encompasses all forms of technology used to create, store, exchange, and use information in various forms (business data, voice conversations, still images, motion pictures, multimedia presentations, and other forms, including those not yet

conceived). It's a convenient term for including both telephony and computer technology in the same word.

The installation and cabling of these IT systems is part of the work that electrical contractors carry out today.

Therefore the AIE kindly but firmly requests not to alter any wording of the EN 50174 that would create market barriers in this field and would be harmful for the electrical contractors' business.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Schellekens', with a stylized flourish extending to the left.

Evelyne Schellekens  
AIE General Secretary