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GREETINGS / OPENING REMARKS

Good Morning, distinguished guests, colleagues and partners in Fire Protection and Life Safety.

I would like to thank you for your invitation and for gathering here today for this year's PasFiPro 2025 – Passive Fire Protection Symposium in Doha.

It is an honor to address you today on behalf of Qatar Civil Defence, an organization committed to safeguarding lives and properties in a rapidly evolving nation of the State of Qatar.

QATAR

In Qatar, where urbanization is advancing at an unprecedented pace, implementing robust fire safety regulations is essential. The Qatar Civil Defence certifications ensures that all establishments adhere to stringent fire safety standards. These certifications reflect our collective commitment to creating a culture of preparedness and compliance with international best practices, codes and standards.

A LEGACY OF FIRE PROTECTION IN QATAR

The roots of Qatar Civil Defence dates back to 1955, when the “Extinguishing Police Section” was established.

Over the decades, as Qatar experience rapid development, the section evolved to the “General Directorate of Civil Defence” in 2005.

This transformation has been driven by a commitment to adapt to Qatar's growing needs to ensure the highest standards of safety.

RECENT UPDATES IN QATAR CIVIL DEFENCE

In the past couple of years, as we approach the FIFA World Cup 2022, our organization modernized engineering requirements for the building Fire and Life Safety Systems.

Qatar Civil Defence launched programs and guidelines regarding Product Evaluation Approvals, Engineers Registration, Technicians Registration, Company Registration, Plan Review, Inspection Testing & Maintenance (ITM) Procedures, Elevator/Lifts Regulations and Recognition of Certification Bodies and Testing Laboratories.

PASSIVE FIRE PROTECTION's ROLE

As we gather here today to discuss the critical role of Passive Fire Protection, let us reflect on its importance in ensuring the safety and resilience of our buildings and communities.

Passive Fire Protection is not just a technical solution – it is a cornerstone in Fire Safety.

By integrating PASSIVE FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS such as fire stopping materials, Opening Protection, Structural Fire Protection and Compartmentation with ACTIVE FIRE PROTECTION & LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS such as Fire Suppression System, Fire Detection and Alarm System, Emergency Lighting and Power System as well as Smoke and Heat Control Ventilation System into our buildings and infrastructures as required / recommended by Codes and Standards, we can develop a safe environment for our occupants and protect our properties.

PASSIVE FIRE PROTECTION measures work silently but effectively, by ensuring structural integrity while protecting occupants from smoke and fire.

CLOSING REMARKS

In our mission on safeguarding lives and properties, embracing new technologies in both in Active and Passive Fire Protection System is vital in meeting the demands of modern urbanization and complex building designs. We welcome these developments, look forward in improving the overall of Fire Protection and Life Safety works in Qatar.

Today, I urge all stakeholders – engineers, contractors, builders, consultants, inspection agencies, manufacturers, facility managers, policy makers, regulators and the public - to prioritize Passive Fire Protection in every project. Together with Active Fire Protection Systems, we can build a safer Qatar for the future generations.

Let us continue this vital work with determination and unity.

Again, on behalf of our organization, “the **General Directorate of Civil Defence – Qatar**”, we extend our congratulations and appreciation for this event.

Thank you very much and a pleasant day to all.