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### **Announcement: Managing Director - Beijing IATF Office for the IAOB**

The International Automotive Oversight Bureau (IAOB) would like to announce the hiring of Ms. Zhang Yan as the Managing Director – Beijing IATF Office for IAOB effective 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

In this new role, Ms. Zhang Yan will report to Mr. James Bruin, Executive Director of the IAOB, responsible for IATF Strategic Development and Chief Representative of IATF Beijing Administrative Office. Ms. Zhang will serve as a resource for managing the IAOB's activities in China, ensuring adherence to the IATF Rules by all IAOB CBs, monitoring auditors operating in China, reporting on status of witness audits / office assessments conducted in China, and escalating nonconformances to executive management.

Ms. Zhang will also report on outcomes from witness audits / office assessments and the state of the auditing business conditions in China, including participating in key Industry Forums. She will also participate on appropriate IATF Strategic Initiative teams.

Ms. Zhang will be a key leader in ensuring compliance with local Chinese laws for all the employees and contract witness auditors working in China as well as provide Oversight of the joint venture relationships between IAOB-contracted Certification Bodies and their JV partners in China.

She will also establish a forum for the Chinese Automotive Industry to communicate their needs as it relates to IATF 16949 certification by leading the IAOB China Steering Committee made up of industry representatives to provide direction to the China IATF Beijing Administrative office. She will also participate in various Oversight Office Assessments, Global Oversight and IATF meetings, and develop and manage a process to identify, assess, report, remedy, and verify effectiveness of corrective actions for IATF copyright and trademark violations in China, including interfacing with IATF legal counsel.

Ms. Zhang will also establish a working relationship with the appropriate People's Republic of China government agencies and officials that will aid in the improvement of the reputation of the IATF Certification Scheme in China and throughout Asia. She will be responsible for developing relationships with certification agencies and government officials to maintain the position of IATF 16949 as the recognized standard for the automotive sector in China for all tier levels of manufacturers. She will report on Chinese law changes or regulations impacting third party certifications, certification body activities, and auditors operating in China.

Before joining the China team, Ms. Zhang held various executive leadership positions of increasing responsibility at Stellantis (formerly FCA Asia Pacific Inv. Ltd.), including the Head of Supplier Quality for the APAC Region in Shanghai, Fiat China Bus Co. Ltd. as the Deputy Head of Supplier Quality, Head of Supplier Quality in CNH Industrial, Head of Supplier Quality Fiat Business, Deputy Supplier Quality Director, and as a Supplier Quality Manager.

Ms. Zhang holds a Master's degree in Business Management and Administration from Shanghai Tongji University and a Bachelor's degree in Foreign Languages from Nanchang Normal University.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Zhang into her new role supporting the IAOB / IATF. Ms. Zhang can be reached at: [yzhang@iaob.org](mailto:yzhang@iaob.org) or via mobile/cell at + 86 1391 8855 236.

Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bruin', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

**Mr. James Bruin**

IAOB Executive Director, IATF Strategic Development  
IATF Chairman and IATF Liaison A Rep - ISO/TC 176/SC 2