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Flex PLI Technical Evaluation Group (Flex-TEG) Status Report

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1. Delegations (appointed members)

Governmental Parties
  EU/EEVC: D. Cesari, C. Masson (INRETS)
  Germany: B. Lorenz, O. Zander (BASt)
  NHTSA/Transport Canada: unknown
  Korea: J.-W. Lee (KATRI) and Y.-H. Youn (Korea Univ. of Tech.-Education)
  J-MLIT: H. Inomata (JASIC-GENEVA), A. Konosu (JARI/Chairperson)
Industrial Parties (related to car product)
  ACEA: O. Ries, S. O. Siems (Volkswagen), T. Kinsky (GM-Europe),
            R. Fleischhacker, W. Rentschler (Porsche), B. Trommler (Volvo)
  JAMA: M. Tanahashi, I. Imaizumi (Honda R&D)
  Alliance: unknown
  KAMA: unknown
  CLEPA: unknown
Independent Parties
  UTAC: F. Minne
  TUV: W. Liebers
Dummy Product Makers
  FTSS: W. Onvlee (FTSS-Europe)
  JASTI: T. Inoue

2. Tasks

Task1: <u>Evaluation</u> and <u>Modification</u> of the <u>usability, repeatability, reproducibility, and durability</u> of Flex-PLI as a tool for GTR/PS legform test. And shows the comparison results of all the above issue between the TRL-LFI and Flex-PLI.

- Usability
- Repeatability (component level and assembly level)
- Reproducibility (component level and assembly level)
- Durability (at least until threshold level durability is needed)
- Comparison between TRL-LFI and Flex-PLI for all above issue

Task 2: <u>Review</u> for the <u>Injury Risk Function</u>

Task 3: <u>Technical Feasibility</u>

- Can develop a car which complies the new threshold/requirement
- Evaluation of vehicle design and Evaluation of design process

Task 4: <u>Evaluation of Protection Level</u> provided by the Flex-PLI and the new threshold values

3. Activities

1st Flex-TEG MT (OICA office, Paris, 5-6 Sep. 2005)

- Confirmation of TOR for this working group
- Introduction for the Flex-PLI type G (Flex-G)
- Test results for the Flex-G (component tests, car tests)
- Discussion on issues of Flex-PLI
- Confirmation of future action plan

  -> More test results are required for detail discussions

2nd Flex-TEG MT (BASt, Bergisch, 22 Nov. 2005)

- Test results for the Flex-G (repeatability tests, reproducibility tests, car tests)
- Tour for the Flex-G testing (at BASt/BGS)
- Discussion
- Confirmation of future action plan

  ->Usability, Repeatability, Reproducibility of Flex-G is good.
  ->However, Bending limit of the knee joint should be modified.

4. Schedule

Schedule for Flex-TEG Activities (22 Nov. 2005)	2005						2006												2007											
	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Flex-TEG Meeting ● (Sep 2005), ● (Nov 2005), ○ (Mar 2006), ○ (Aug 2006), ○ (Jan 2007), ○ (Sep 2007)

Development (Modification)

- Modification Activities
  - (J-MLIT, JAMA) — Mar to Jun 2006
  - (J-MLIT, JAMA,   ) — Aug 2006 to Feb 2007

- Production of Modified Impactor
  - Flex-G — Jul to Aug 2005
  - Flex-GT — Mar to Apr 2006
  - Flex-GTR (usability mod. only) — Jul 2007

Evaluation as a Regulatory Test Tool

- Usability
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA) — Aug to Oct 2005
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA, ACEA, Korea,   ) — Jul to Nov 2006

- Repeatability
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA) — Aug to Oct 2005
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA, ACEA, Korea,   ) — Jul to Nov 2006

- Reproducibility
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA) — Aug to Oct 2005
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA, ACEA, Korea,   ) — Jul to Nov 2006

- Durability
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA) — Aug to Oct 2005
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA, ACEA, Korea,   ) — Jul to Nov 2006

- Comparison for above issues (TRL-LFI and Flex-PLI)
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA) — Aug to Oct 2005
  - (BASt, J-MLIT, JAMA, ACEA, Korea,   ) — Jul to Nov 2006

Review for the Injury Thresholds

- Leg
  - (AI-TEG) — Jul to Nov 2006

- Knee
  - (AI-TEG) — Jul to Nov 2006

Technical Feasibility Study
  - (BASt, JAMA) — Aug to Oct 2005
  - (JAMA, ACEA,   ) — Jul to Nov 2006

Evaluation of Protection Level (provided by the Flex-PLI and the new threshold values)
  - (AI-TEG) — Jul to Nov 2006