

CERTIFICATION

We are pleased to certify that

Heierli Consulting Engineers Ltd. (HCE)

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has been thoroughly involved in all aspects of the design of structures to protect against the effects of conventional, nuclear, chemical and other weapons.

Switzerland has conducted extensive research and development activities for the optimisation of structural protection of military, economic and civil defence functions over many decades. As the head of the Center for Military and Civilian Systems (Real Estate) entrusted with this effort, I have found that Heierli Consulting Engineers have, in close cooperation with a very few other specialized firms, been an active and essential consultant in the field of protective design for many years. Apart from this activity, HCE has accomplished the design for a considerable number of shelters for all kinds of fortifications, C³I facilities, military airfields, special structures and large civil defence facilities for over four decades.

Heierli Consulting Engineers Ltd. is a consulting firm of high reputation and is in good standing with the Swiss Federal Authorities. We deeply appreciate their steady and dedicated contribution to the development of economic and innovative solutions to our defence and protective design needs.

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