

# VQEG Gaitersberg Meeting May 1998 VQEG 20

## VQEG Independent Lab and Selection Committee Non-Disclosure Agreement

The Video Quality Expert's Group (VQEG) has formed a committee to manage aspects of their study where secrecy is needed to ensure fairness to all proponents of candidate objective measures. This committee is called the VQEG Independent Lab and Selection Committee (ILSC), and has the following members (the complete list will be maintained by the Co-Chairs):

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The Purpose of this agreement is to ensure that specific information prepared by the ILSC remains confidential, thereby assuring an evaluation where the proponents have equal a priori knowledge.

This agreement identifies specific information that the ILSC members will not disclose. To be considered confidential under this Agreement, information disclosed in written or other tangible form must be marked as confidential or proprietary, and information disclosed orally or visually must be identified as confidential at the time of disclosure and summarized in a writing delivered to the receiving parties. This information will be documented by June 10, 1998, in documents marked ILSC Confidential.

If any of the members above are required to share this confidential information to accomplish the tasks allocated to the ILSC (for example, with other associates in their companies), then these additional persons must join the ILSC. The ILSC members shall limit disclosure of confidential information of the ILSC to other employees or agents who have a need to know and shall not use the information except in support of the ILSC's work, nor disclose the information to any third party (other than legal and financial advisors who agree in writing to maintain the information in confidence) without the prior written consent of the ILSC Chairpersons. The current ILSC members and any persons joining the shall protect the information against unauthorized use or disclosure with at least the same degree of care as they normally exercise to protect information of like character and importance, but in no event less than reasonable care.

In the event of accidental disclosure of any of the above information, the ILSC chair persons must be informed immediately to implement equal disclosure to all proponents.

Members of the VQEG Independent Lab and Selection Committee, agree to the following:

1. Members will not discuss or disclose the Test Scenes considered or selected scenes with non-members.
2. Members will not discuss or disclose details about the Hypothetical Reference Circuits considered or selected with non-members.
3. Members will not discuss any analysis or results, in full or in part, with non-members.

This agreement will remain in force until all participating proponents have delivered their final working measurement implementations (by the current deadline of July 22, 1998) for items 1 and 2 above, or until December 31, 1998 for all items (unless superseded by other agreement).