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**Subject: CEN interest in the ISTRESS Project**

Dear Dr Sebastiani,

I have read with interest your proposal entitled ISTRESS- Pre-standardization of incremental FIB micro-milling for intrinsic stress evaluation at the sub-micron scale, which will be submitted to the call NMP.2013.1.4-2 (Metrology research for the development and validation of design rules for engineering of nanostructured and nano-enabled materials and devices).

As the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), we bring together business federations, commercial and consumer organisations, environmental groups and other stakeholders such as the research community. We are actively promoting the links between the research community and the standardization community, mainly through our [Research helpdesk](#)<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> More information about our activities on research and innovation: [www.cencenelec.eu/research](http://www.cencenelec.eu/research).

We therefore would like to make our experience and expertise concerning standardization, interface with stakeholders in the field and support to innovation through standards available to the project.

We welcome the opportunity to link with the ISTRESS project once accepted through a Project Liaison<sup>2</sup>. This mechanism will allow the project consortium to exchange information throughout the running of the project with the standardization community and contribute to ongoing European standardization work. Furthermore, ISTRESS will be able to take into account in the research project current developments in the standardization system, which can enhance the results of the project. If ISTRESS is selected, we invite you to contact us from the early start of the project so that there is real integration between your research activities and our standardization activities.

We wish you success with your project and look forward to working with the project team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Ganesh".

Ashok Ganesh

CEN-CENELEC Innovation Director

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cencenelec.eu/research/fp7projects/ongoingENwork/Pages/default.aspx>