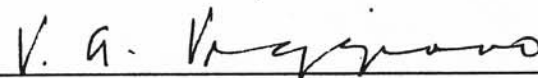


Quality Improvement Statement

The Okonite Company's primary objective is to further strengthen our image as the premier manufacturer of high quality electrical cable in those markets in which we compete. To attain this goal, employees at all levels in The Okonite Company are encouraged to participate in team activities to improve quality performance of all processes and products, to meet every customer requirement, maintain our competitiveness and minimize waste. All employees shall receive Quality Training including Statistical Process Control (SPC)/ Statistical Quality Control (SQC), as necessary, to fulfill these objectives. Decisions shall be based on facts rather than opinion.

Quality Improvement shall be used in all departments and be continuous. The direction and monitoring of the Company's progress will be the responsibility of the Executive Steering Committee. Everyone at Okonite must recognize the importance of this ongoing activity and support and supplement the Committee's Quality Improvement Programs through their personal involvement and initiatives.



V. A. Viggiano
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and Chief Executive Officer