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## **Capability Statement for Roland Sommer, Managing Director and Principal Consultant**

### **Conferences presenting on RoHS:**

- 2004 ESConnectivity - Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2005 Asia Electronics Forum - Qingdao, China
- 2005 ESConnectivity Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2005 World Electronics Forum, London, UK\*
- 2006 Technology Futures Conference, Melbourne, Australia
- 2006 Connectivity 06 Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2006 Manufacturing InFocus, Melbourne, Australia

\*Panelist for RoHS Discussion with Professor K.B Chan of HKEIA

### **Papers, Presentations and News Articles**

#### **Papers**

1. Comparison of RoHS legislations around the world
2. Interim Report on alternatives to Hexavalent Chromium (also translated into German and published in GalvoTeknik Magazine)
3. Post first trial report on RoHS compliant alternatives to Hexavalent Chromium
4. Third report on RoHS compliant alternatives to Hexavalent Chromium

#### **Presentations**

1. RoHS and WEEE - not just lead-free
2. RoHS threats to Industry
3. Supporting the good company - a RoHS and WEEE Model
4. What comes after RoHS?

#### **Published News Articles**

1. Choose Material Composition Testing Based on Needs - Green Supply, Line Feb 2006
2. RoHS Enforcement Explained - Green Supply Line, June 2006
3. Waste Not - Design Industry News
4. Penalties Ahead for Non Compliers - Electronics News May 2006
5. Future Proof Material Declarations - Electronics News May 2006

### **Key Achievements**

- 3 years full time experience in RoHS.
- Is Chairman of the New Zealand RoHS and WEEE Support Committee.
- Holds the contract from the New Zealand Government for RoHS and WEEE Support to New Zealand Industry (since 2004).



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- Headed the New Zealand Government funded study into RoHS compliant alternatives for Hexavalent Chromium (Study since used by the EU for their exemptions assessment). Authored the three reports.
  - Member of the AEEMA RoHS and WEEE Support Committee
  - Has developed over 700 slides of RoHS training and delivered over numerous training sessions in Australia and New Zealand
  - Has long standing professional relationship with three EU TAC Members including Steve Andrews of the UK DTI.
  - Has made numerous submissions to the EU on RoHS
  - Researched and Authored the RoHS-International China RoHS Guidance Notes.
  - Client list includes New Zealand Government, Cray Supercomputers (USA), NEC, Invacare (USA), Brunswick Corporation plus all major New Zealand EE manufacturers.

### **Bio**

Roland Sommer is the Managing Director of RoHS-International Ltd. He has over 25 years experience with companies such as Marconi, Texas Instruments, Phillips and Invensys. Born in the and educated at the University of the South West in Plymouth, his technical and management career has taken him across 3 continents and he has resided in New Zealand since 1989. In 2002 he set up his own consulting services business, specialising in RoHS and WEEE in 2003. He has presented numerous times on RoHS including at the Asia Electronics Forum in Qingdao and at the World Electronics Forum in London in 2005.

- The website [www.rohs-international.com](http://www.rohs-international.com) contains additional information.