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Subject: Proposed CANENA Trinational Project Request for Single-Pole Latching Type Separable connectors

Dear CANENA Secretary-General:

The purpose of this letter is to express the industry support of the NEMA Pin and Sleeve Plug, Receptacle, and Connector Section (05PR) for a new tri-national single pole latching type separable connectors standard.

The industry has a strong need and supports the development of a tri-national harmonized standard that covers single pole latching type, separable male and female connectors and related devices, for either mounting to a single conductor portable cable, or panel mounting. These connectors are used primarily in metallurgical and mining operations, oil and gas exploration, ship to shore connections, in non-hazardous locations. They do not use a locking means to be held together when mated, but use latching means, thus differentiating them from the single pole locking type connectors.

The industry supports an urgent need to complete this project to ensure electrical safety since these products are currently being used in Canada, Mexico, and US.

Respectfully,

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