Open-S Technical Committee

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1. The purpose of the technical committee

The purpose of the technical committee is to continue to develop the Open-S standard with focus on excavator efficiency, worksite safety and global interchangeability between quick couplers and work tools among the Open-S members.

The purpose is furthermore to verify compatibility between the Open-S standard and technical solutions from new applicants in the process of allowing new members into the alliance. This includes both the technical solution itself as well as the evaluation of the applicants capability to manufacture products in such a way that compatibility to the Open-S standard can be maintained over time.

The technical committee will either endorse or reject compatibility so that the Open-S board can take a decision to allow new members into the Open-S Alliance.

2. Members

The technical committee consists of the CTOs from the two founding members and up to two other members elected by the member council. The chairman is circulated between the technical committee members on an annual basis.

3. Meetings

The technical committee meets at least once every two months or more often when need be, via video meetings or face-to-face meetings. One committee member acts as chairman and another as secretary. The chairman has the function of calling meetings and the secretary for documentation. All meeting related to evaluating new applicants should be properly documented.

4. Additional tasks

In case a compatibility problem arise in the field whereby a worktool from an Open-S Alliance member does not fit with a machine coupler or tiltrotator from another Open-S Alliance member and the case can not easily be resolved between the parties then the technical committee will analyze the matter and issue a recommendation on how the issue should be resolved.

5. Expenses

Expenses related to a committee member's daily work with the Open-S standard, are not covered by the committee but instead have to be covered by the employer. However, specific out of pocket expenses related to a committee meeting, such as travel, accommodation, etc may be covered on a case by case basis, to be decided by the Chairman.

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