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### **BOI encourages industrialists to seek ISO14000 certification for environmental conservation**

Mr. Kosit Panpiemras, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry stated after the Board of Investment Meeting that the Board agreed to roll out a new condition for promotion, effective from October 1, requiring that investment projects valued over THB 10 million (exclusive of land cost and working capital) achieve registration for ISO 9000, or ISO 14000 or other approved comparable international standards.

The promoted projects, which are currently subject to seek ISO 9000 quality registration or other comparable international standards within 2 years, may alternatively propose **to attain** ISO 14000 certification under the new condition.

The measure is intended to encourage firms to pay more attention to their environmental impact and issues. Formerly, investment projects valued over THB 10 million were required to achieve an ISO 9000 certificate or other approved international standard within 2 years after **commencing operations**. Failure to achieve a certificate may lead to the removal of corporate income tax privileges for one year.

ISO 14000 is an environmental management system that has established working guidelines and controls for firms to deal with their environmental impact. It also entails audit procedures to ensure compliance with related laws and regulations. The existence of these standards allows firms to minimize costs on fuel and waste management and strengthens the firm's competitiveness.

ISO 14000 registration is expected to become a necessity for firms wanting to do business in the global market place. This is due to the increasing number of worldwide trade restriction measures known as NTBs (non tariff barriers), such as the hygienic and environmental standards implemented in the European Union. Other similar trade restriction measures under FTAs and the WTO can also be anticipated.

At present 7,177 firms throughout the country are ISO 9000 quality certified and 1412 are ISO 14000 certified.

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