



Standards Australia CCTV section established

Three respected CCTV experts from Australia, members of the Australian Standards committee EL-031-08,; Les Simmonds, Olly D'Souza and Vlado Damjanovski, over a year ago started working on the new Australian CCTV standards, which will encompass all the necessary standardisation material for closed circuit television.

These new standards are loosely based on the European Standards, and are modified, enhanced and improved to suit the new digital era and Australian specific requirements.

There are three basic documents that the committee started to work on which are now being reviewed by the broader group of members of Standards Australia as well as other industry experts. They are expected to be finalised soon.

A very important outcome during the preparation of these standards was the decision and agreement by all members that CCTV should become a separate and independent standard under the Australian Standards, not a sub-group of the Intruder Alarm section, which was the case until now.

The arguments by many members was that Closed Circuit Television is a broader

technology, not necessarily always referring to security and surveillance systems. Applications in areas such as manufacturing, medicine, education, underwater projects etc, can now easily look for reference standard material under the more logical section of CCTV, as opposed to Intruder Alarms.

For projects that concern the security industry there will still be close work between the two committees.

Many members of the industry consider this event a milestone in Australian CCTV history. [•]



14/04/2004: Photo of the CCTV section establishing members, taken from Vlado's mobile phone