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This document provides an overview and outlines the fundamental principles of the ISO 18101 series. Future parts of the ISO 18101 series will be developed including sets of industry developed use cases, once the use cases have been documented using the Open Industrial Interoperability Ecosystem (OIIE) use case architecture and validated using the OIIE Oil and Gas Interoperability (OGI) Pilot, with the results captured in Technical Reports. These use cases will incrementally define industry prioritized elements of the secondary business process, which is the scope of the ISO 18101 series.

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Introduction

It is difficult for the oil and gas industry, and other asset-intensive process industries, to adopt and adapt digital capabilities for many core business functions. For example:

- Why is it not possible for key industrial systems and applications to "plug and play" like consumer electronics do?
- Why is it so difficult and expensive to find, capture, manage and use the information that we need to:
 - engineer, design and build industrial plants, platforms and facilities?
 - operate and maintain industrial plants, platforms and facilities safely, reliably and profitably?

These issues significantly contribute to consistent patterns of major cost and schedule overruns in capital projects. They also lead to inefficient operations and maintenance spanning the entire life-cycle of the resulting plants, platforms and facilities. Clearly, this group of industries needs a better solutions model to help manage operational risks throughout the life-cycle of its plants, platforms and facilities.

Despite many improvements in individual business functions, the oil and gas industry (upstream, midstream and downstream) as well as other asset-intensive, process industries still struggle with many inefficient business practices. Many of these inefficiencies stem from how the entire industry and its primary participants are organized in 'silos'. This is particularly true for life-cycle asset management related business processes. These processes span many industry silos, crossing life-cycle phases, while including both intra and inter-enterprise activities. Meanwhile, participating systems, equipment, devices, materials, and services suppliers are also organized in their own industry sector silos. Despite many efforts to break these silos down, they are persistent and are often re-enforced by current industrial IM solutions, practices, and standards.

Digital business transformation is now being discussed as the solution for many of these issues. Unfortunately, this industry group lacks a pragmatic, supplier-neutral basis for achieving this objective and the sought-after business benefits in a timely manner.

The digital ecosystem concept was created for such purposes and has been successfully used in a variety of industry groups, but for the concept to succeed, it needs to be thoughtfully specialized to address included industry sectors, while achieving the largest practical scale. Other industry sectors such as banking, semiconductors, aerospace, consumer electronics and eCommerce have adopted this model using a combination of open standards and proprietary methods. Each industry has unique characteristics resulting in industry specific methods, with some basic common denominators such as the basic standards which define the internet and the World Wide Web.

The oil and gas industry shares many of the same engineering and work practices, while also using many of the same system (software and hardware), equipment and device classes as many other asset-intensive, process industries. This provides a mutually beneficial opportunity to share a supplier-neutral industrial digital ecosystem, where the scale of the aggregated market helps encourage its adoption. A successful industrial digital ecosystem needs to be supplier-neutral, because no single supplier has the scale and coverage to impose its will on the entire industry, including all its key participants.

While standards such as ISO 55000 specify good practices for all types of asset management, this document specifies how those good practices can be implemented using an industrial digital ecosystem. This document is intended to facilitate discussions between process industry decision-makers and the specialists who design, build and maintain the processes and systems that enable enterprises to function. The OIIE provides an example of the proposed, supplier-neutral industrial digital ecosystem. Key inter-enterprise relationships for the process industry digital ecosystem have been represented in [Figure 1](#). It depicts the three-way relationship among Owner/Operators (O/O), Engineering, Procurement, Construction (EPC) organizations and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM), which forms the backbone of the secondary business process spanning the entire asset life-cycle.