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PREFACE

This new series of connection publications by the Australian Steel Institute (ASI) covering capacity tables, theory and design of individual rigid connections will be known as the Structural Steel Connections Series, Part 2: 1st ed. 2009 (‘*Connection Series, Part 2’*). This Connection Series, Part 2 details the method of design and provides capacity tables and detailing parameters for a range of rigid connections commonly used for structural steel in Australia. Connections have a major engineering and economic importance in steel structures influencing design, detailing, fabrication and erection costs. Standardisation of design approach integrated with industry detailing is the key to minimum costs at each stage. This Connections Series, Part 2 in conjunction with the Connection Series, Part 1 for simple connections (collectively the Structural Steel Connections Series or ‘*Connection Series’*) replaces and enhances an ASI flagship publication first released in 1978 at which time connection design theories were developed for the purpose of generating and releasing connection capacity tables. The first three editions were released in permissible stress format. The fourth edition *Design of Structural Connections* (often referred to as the Green Book) was released in 1994 in limit state format but there was no subsequent release of a limit state companion document containing connection design capacity tables.

This Design Guide is intended to provide a recommended design model for the welded moment connection, which is a rigid connection in terms of AS 4100 provisions. In general, most design models for this connection in the technical literature are similar, any notable differences revolving around the design of the column stiffening.

The recommended design model is based extensively on the American Institute of Steel Construction Steel Design Guide 13 ‘*Stiffening of wide-flange columns at moment connections : Wind and seismic applications*’.

The new Connections Series format with separate design guides for individual connection types is intended to facilitate addition to or revision of connection model theory using relevant new local or international research as deemed appropriate by the ASI. Connection models developed using the Handbook 1 theory follow a stylised page format with a numbered DESIGN CHECK procedure to simplify connection capacity assessment.

Engineering Systems has worked closely with the Australian Steel Institute to further develop Limcon as the companion program for this new Connection Design Guide Series. The latest version of Limcon fully implements the new connection design models and it was employed in checking the design tables. The Limcon output for the worked examples is included in an appendix to each Design Guide. The program is an efficient tool covering the full range of structural connections, including those beyond the scope of the Design Guide capacity tables.

An appendix to each Design Guide also contains an ASI comment form. Users of this publication are encouraged to photocopy this one page form and forward any suggested improvements which may be incorporated into future editions.

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