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**INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION SYSTEM FOR
CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR
USE IN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEx SYSTEM)**

Title: Letter from the Brazilian National Committee

Introduction

This document contains a letter from the Brazilian National Committee and is issued for consideration during the Melbourne ExMC Meeting.

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Dear Mr. Agius,

The Brazilian National Committee was asked about the possibility to have a manufacturer applying his own laboratory as an ExTL.

In our understanding, the biggest issue would be the conflict of interest!

However, we couldn't identify in the IECEx Rules any restriction about it.

Additionally, it is our understanding that the ExCBs would not use such laboratory to perform tests for competitors of this manufacturer.

In this case, such laboratory would be used exclusively for their own products.

After the monthly meeting of our Brazilian IECEx Subcommittee conducted on August 17th, 2009, we agreed we would like to include in the ExMC Agenda, for the meeting in Melbourne, the following question: "Is there any possibility for a manufacturer applying his own laboratory as an ExTL in the IECEx System? What would be the requirements for such application?"

Best Regards,

Giovanni Hummel

Secretary of the Brazilian IECEx Subcommittee