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FOR CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR
USE IN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEx SCHEME)**

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INTRODUCTION

This document is a circular from the IEC General Secretary, Mr Amit, to the Presidents of National Committees of the IEC. It is issued for information only.

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**TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL
NATIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE IEC**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Recently the Council Board (CB) reviewed the IEC's conformity assessment activities and approved a number of actions directed at improving the governance and management arrangements. In the course of the CB discussions the importance of fully representative national Scheme Member Bodies was raised.

As stated in Article 13 of the IEC *Statutes*, the Schemes are governed by management committees composed of representatives of:

- National Committees of participating countries, OR
- bodies notified by those National Committees.

The fundamental role of an NC in a Scheme is therefore as the Scheme Member Body or as the organization taking entire responsibility for the body that has been nominated as the Scheme Member.

Masterplan 2006, in Strategy A1, emphasizes the need for fully representative NCs:

"In promoting maximum adoption and use of IEC standards and services world wide, the IEC will ensure that National Committees (NCs) represent all relevant national interests in both the private and the public sectors – manufacturers and utilities, suppliers, distributors, users and consumers, researchers, academics, SDOs and regulators."

This strategy has been mirrored in the evolving CAB Strategy Plan with application both to the Conformity Assessment Board and to the Schemes. In addition the Schemes have been encouraging their respective Member Bodies to ensure that delegations to Scheme management committees are representative of the whole of the electrotechnology community within their respective countries, not simply of conformity assessment interests.

NCs are therefore requested periodically to verify:

- that the country's participation in the Scheme continues to serve the full spectrum of national interests in the private and public sectors; and**
- that there is continuous dialogue with, as well as adequate reporting from, the Scheme Member Body.**

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary and CEO

cc: NC Secretaries, CB Members, CAB Members

