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

**TITLE: Proposal from US Regarding 2020 Annual IECEx Meeting, Agenda Item  
13.2 “ExMC WG13 – Business development (Strategic Business Plan 2017)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

This document contains a request from the USNC/IECEx concerning Agenda item 13.2 – Business Development.

This document is for consideration during Agenda Item 13.2 of the ExMC 2020 Meeting agenda, ExMC/1614A/DA.

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**VIA E-MAIL TRANSMISSION**

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**Subject:** USNC/IECEX Comment Regarding the Agenda for the 2020 ExMC Meeting, Item 13.2, *ExMC WG13 - Business Development* (Strategic Business Plan 2017)

Dear Mr. Agius:

The USNC/IECEX provides the following comments to the 2020 ExMC Agenda Item 13.2, ExMC WG13 - Business Development.

The USNC/IECEX commends ExMC WG13 for their continuing efforts to support the needs of the Ex industry worldwide and wishes to comment on the Strategic Business Plan, Objective 3, Enable Ex stakeholders user-friendly access to specific IECEX documents, specifically bullet item a), Identify future business opportunities using input from all stakeholders; and bullet item d) Continually upgrade and enhance IECEX website features.

A core duty of the IECEX Executive Secretary is “[t]hrough the use of IT system enhance the functionality of an on-line current IECEX Bulletin.” As noted in the IECEX System Report Card – 2020 (ExMC/1607/R), the IECEX Certified Equipment Scheme continues to enjoy significant and sustained growth thanks to the leadership of the Secretary and the contributions of ExMC WG13. A concern is the current process of maintaining, promoting and selling the bulletin has not managed to maintained same pace, evident by it having last been issued in 2016.

The USNC/IECEX asks for ExMC WG13 to investigate reengineering the way the IECEX performs real-time updates to the IECEX Bulletin, to include promotion and sales. We believe there is both a need and demand for a new subscription service which provides real-time, up-to-date information on ever changing Regulatory Requirements, standards adoption and National Differences. A reengineered process should address the responsibility for updating Regulatory Requirements and National Differences, to include assigning responsibility, enforcement and verification. Member Bodies declaring national differences, stated in section 12.3 of IECEX 02, should be provided access to the service for verification purposes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Holis", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Secretary, USNC/IECEX