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

**Title: Calls for Nomination for consideration as Chairman.  
"Nomination received from Canada"**

**To: Members of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Candidate: Mr. Marty Cole, Hubbell Canada**

Further to the issuing of IECEx Document *ExMC/836/Inf Call for Nominations for consideration as IECEx Chairman* we are pleased to provide this nomination from the Canadian Member Body nominating Mr. Marty Cole, Hubbell, Canada as the new IECEx Chairman.

Attached is a copy of Mr. Cole's nomination from the Canadian National Subcommittee of the IECEx which incorporates his Curriculum Vitae.

This nomination will be considered during the 2013 IECEx Management Committee meeting in Fortaleza, Brazil.

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**SUBJECT:** Formal nomination of **Marty Cole**, Hubbell Canada, for the position of Chairman of the IECEx Management Committee (ExMC).

Since its inception, the IECEx has been chaired by members of Certification Bodies. While to-date, this has served the IECEx System quite well, Canada, being one of the founding members of the IECEx Scheme, believes that we now have an opportunity to have someone with a manufacturing perspective in the leadership position of the IECEx System. Accordingly, the **Canadian National Committee of the IECEx is proud to nominate Marty Cole** of Hubbell Canada (a manufacturer of electrical equipment primarily for use in hazardous locations) **as a candidate for the position of Chairman of the IECEx Management Committee (ExMC).**



With the full support of his employer, and a proven track record of quietly, but effectively and consistently helping industry embrace the IEC standards and the IECEx System, **Marty Cole** is the right candidate for the role of the next Chair of the IECEx System. Below is a brief summary of Mr Cole's background and experience in the Ex area, and his contribution to the IECEx cause.

- Graduate of Humber College in Toronto, with a diploma in Explosives Engineering Technology.
- Over 35 years with Hubbell Canada, where he currently holds the position of *Manager Hubbell Harsh and Hazardous Industries - Global Codes, Standards and Industry Specifications*.
- Active member of the Canadian Sub-Committee for the IECEx (CSC/IECEx) since 1996.
- Chair of Electro Federation of Canada's EEMAC (Electrical Equipment Manufacturing Association of Canada) Hazardous Locations Product Subcommittee since 1991, where Mr Cole was instrumental in convincing the membership to adopt the IEC Zone Concept and add it to the Canadian Electrical Code.
- Active participant in Section 18 (Haz Loc Sub-Committee) of the Canadian Electrical Code (CEC) where Marty is credited for the following important achievements:
  - Member of 6-person ad hoc group that rewrote Section 18 of the CEC to incorporate the IEC Zone System.
  - Member of the US/Canada Bi-national Correlating Committee on Codes and Standards that was tasked with coordinating Code changes.
  - Lobbied members of Code Making Panel 14 for changes to the NEC in the USA to add the Zone system, which took place in 1996.
- A founding member of the Canadian "Integrated Committee for Hazardous Locations" (ICHL) that deals with Canadian and IEC Standards for Ex Equipment, where Marty's achievements include:
  - Chair of a Working Group that recommended the adoption of the IEC 60079 Series of standard as National Standards of Canada, a process that took less than one year to complete.
  - Elected to chair the ICHL 2010 – transformed the committee to become the Canadian mirror committee to IEC TC31, with a membership of over 30 active members allowing Canada to make valuable contributions to TC31.
  - Member of ISA and voted on acceptance of the US versions of the IEC 60079 Series of Standards.
- As an IEEE Senior Member, Mr Cole has authored and co-authored numerous papers and articles on the subject of hazardous locations for the IEEE-PCIC, PCIC-Europe, IEEE-ESW and IEEE-GCC conferences



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as well as IEEE-IAS Magazine and other industry publications. He holds a permanent position with IEEE-IAS-PCIC in North America dealing with conference publications.

- In 2011 he coauthored an IEEE-PCIC paper with the outgoing Chair of IECEx on the IECEx Certification of Personnel Competencies for Individuals Working in Hazardous Locations and continues to promote the Scheme with industry and labour groups.
- At the PCIC Europe conference, he has authored and presented a record number of technical papers. In 2012 he hosted the first panel discussion to be held at PCIC Europe on the subject of the IECEx system as it compares to ATEX.

The following example illustrates perfectly Mr Cole's dedication and support of the IECEx System:

Although Canada had approved the use of the IEC Zone system, the petrochemical industry was slow to change. To promote the concept, Marty conducted hundreds of training sessions across Canada to explain the IEC system reaching over 3500 engineers, users and installers over the course of 2 years. To help owner companies better understand the benefits and to accelerate the use of the IEC System, he took a large group of owner company personnel and designers to Europe to visit a variety of installations. The group returned fully embracing the IEC System and radically changed the historical way electrical installations in Canadian petrochemical facilities had been handled. As a result, Canada is now much closer to the IEC than their US counterparts.

Canada is grateful to Mr Cole for being a strong manufacturing voice and one of the driving forces in the adoption of the IEC 3-Zone System and IEC 60079 Series Standards in North America, and for his great contribution to, and tireless promotion and support of the IECEx System at all levels of industry. Although his active participation in the IECEx is more recent, Marty has approached it with his usual dedication and passion, becoming well known by members of IECEx and TC31.

The time for change is now, and **Marty Cole is the right person for the role of the next Chair of the IECEx System**. And the Canadian National Subcommittee of the IECEx wishes to thank you in advance for your support.

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