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

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### Title: Proposal from DE Concerning ExMC/1160/CD – Proposed Amendments to related Clauses of IECEx 02 concerning the relationship between ExCBs and ExTLs

**INTRODUCTION**

This document contains a proposal from DE concerning ExMC/1160/CD – Proposed Amendments to related Clauses of IECEx 02 concerning the relationship between ExCBs and ExTLs and is issued for consideration at the 2016 ExMC Umhlanga meeting.

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**Agenda Item 13.1.4**

**Proposal of the German Member Body**

**ExMC/1160/CD** – Proposed Amendments to related Clauses of IECEx 02 concerning the relationship between ExCBs and ExTLs

**1) Background**

sub clause 11.2.1 of ExMC/1160/CD reads as follows:  
“*An Ex testing laboratory is only permitted to operate as an ExTL if it is integral with an ExCB, under the complete technical and legal control of an ExCB or has a written agreement with an ExCB to undertake work with it according to these Rules.”*

**2) Question of the German Member Body**

The following section of that sentence:   
“…, under the complete technical and legal control of an ExCB or …”  
could lead to misunderstandings.  
  
If the ExTL is integral with an ExCB it is clear defined, that the ExCB takes over the responsibility and the control. But, what is the condition in case of an agreement?

Is it just to have an agreement and work according to these rules?

It is our understanding, that the ExCB has to control these rules as well, because we do have a Certification Scheme (see ISO/IEC 17065 as well).

**3) Proposal of the German Member Body:**

Add the following:

“… *to undertake work with it according to these Rules and under control of the ExCB.”*

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