**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 the Report of ExMC WG 4 – Agenda Item 13.5

**INTRODUCTION**

This document contains a proposal from DE concerning the report of ExMC WG 4 and it is issued for consideration at the 2016 ExMC Umhlanga meeting.

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Comments from the German Member Body of IECEx on

13.5 ExMC WG4 - Technical Reference Group for Assessment of ExCBs and ExTLs

ExMC/1141/R - Report from ExMC WG4

1) Background

Clause 3.4 a) of document ExMC\_1141\_R reads as follows:

“… to introduce an internal audit of the IECEx process. Part of existing role of WG4 is monitor the IECEx assessment process.”

This is generally supported but it shall be noted that audits of the IECEx process need to be independent from the assessment processes or from assessors involved in these items that audited.

2) Proposal

To ensure independency the German Member Body proposes:

If the IECEx Executive / Officers shall take over this part, it has to be ensured that members of the Executive who are also Assessors will not perform these audits. It is proposed that document ExMC/1144/CD Section 5 be changed to reflect this proposal