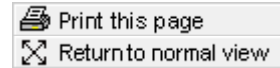




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IECEX announces key “firsts” in Certified Service Program

Geneva, Switzerland, 2008-01-30 –Since introduction of the new IECEX Certified Service Facility Program for Repair and Overhaul of Ex Equipment) in late 2007, IECEX – the IEC’s global conformity assessment scheme for the Ex market – is very pleased to announce the following “firsts” for this new Certification Service:

- First IECEX Certified Repair Workshop Worldwide – MARC Thailand Co Ltd (Certificate: IECEX SIR S0001)
- First Malaysian Workshop to gain IECEX Certification – Wehaya Sdn. Bhd (Certificate: IECEX SIM S0001)
- First Workshop in the Netherlands for IECEX Certification – Vos Gérard Rotating (Certificate: IECEX KEM S0001)
- First I.S. Workshop Worldwide to gain IECEX Certification – Fluke Nederland B.V. (Certificate: IECEX KEM S0002)

All Certificates are issued by IECEX Approved Certification Bodies under strict IECEX Rules and Operational Procedures aimed at assuring that these Ex Repair Workshops comply with the strict requirements of IEC International Standard 60079-19 and additional IECEX Scheme quality system and competency requirements.

Commenting on the achievements, IECEX Secretary said: “On behalf of the IECEX Chairman, Officers and Members of the IECEX Management Committee, the Secretariat congratulates these organizations for their significant achievement in demonstrating their commitment to the specialized Ex industries. This new program has captured the support of major companies worldwide, involved in Ex related industries, such as oil and gas.”

About IECEX

IECEX (Certification to standards for equipment for explosive atmospheres) is the IEC’s specialist global conformity assessment scheme whose objective is to facilitate international trade in equipment and services for use in explosive atmospheres, while maintaining the required level of safety. Ex areas can be known by different names such as “Hazardous Locations”, “Hazardous Areas”, or “Explosive Atmospheres”, and relate to areas where flammable liquids, vapours, gases or combustible dusts are likely to occur in quantities sufficient to cause a fire or explosion.

For further information

Information concerning this or any other IECEX Certification Program may be obtained by contacting any of the approved IECEX Certification Bodies (ExCBs) or the IECEX Secretariat.

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