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## Next IECEx Industry Symposium to take place in Melbourne, Australia, in September

[IECEX](#), the IEC System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmospheres, has announced that the next IECEx Industry Symposium will take place in Melbourne, Australia, on 2 September 2009. As is traditionally the case, the symposium will be part of the IECEx series of annual meetings, held this year in Melbourne from 30 August to 4 September.

Largely due to its Australian venue, the symposium, entitled "Keeping Hazardous Area Compliance to minimal cost", will focus largely on the Australian market and Australian issues, while retaining the global aspect of the IECEx system. This event represents a wonderful opportunity for local and Asian Ex industry players to get involved with certification at the international level, thus broadening their perspectives.

The programme of the symposium will start with a global review of the current situation for industries dealing with HAE (Hazardous Area Equipment) in the Australian market, and will then progress to more specific issues.

After dealing with the subjects of installation of Ex equipment and the competency certification within the HAE industry, there will be two sessions on the practical use of the IECEx System and its schemes, and the benefits of involvement in IECEx. The final session will address the issue of how to access the Australian and Asian markets.

Two panel discussions during the symposium will give participants the opportunity to ask questions and share experiences with their peers.

The IECEx System currently runs three schemes:

- The [IECEX Certified Equipment Scheme](#): International Certification Scheme covering products that meet the requirements of International Standards, e.g. IEC Standards prepared by TC (Technical Committee) 31: Equipment for explosive atmospheres
- The [IECEX Certified Service Facilities Scheme](#): International Certification Scheme that covers the assessment and the on-site audit of organizations that provide services such as Repair and Overhaul service to the Ex industry.
- The [IECEX Certified Persons Scheme](#): International Scheme for the certification of persons associated with equipment, installations and servicing used by Ex industries, e.g. oil and gas, coal mining, chemical plants, and so forth.

In addition, IECEx is also responsible for the [IECEX Conformity Mark Licensing System](#), an International Conformity System where a Mark of Conformity is granted by approved ExCBs (IECEX certifiers) located in IECEx participating countries for equipment that is covered by an IECEx Certificate of Conformity and hence has been tested and manufactured under systems that are under ongoing surveillance by ExCBs.

For more information on IECEx and the IECEx Industry Symposium in Melbourne, please go to [www.iecex.com](http://www.iecex.com)



View of Melbourne with the Yarra river in the forefront

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