Developing Standards to Support IECEx

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Scope of Presentation

- TC 31 Equipment for explosive atmospheres
- A short background on the standards development process
- Recent and current developments
- Developments in ISO

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Technical Committee TC31

- Equipment for explosive atmospheres
- Technical Committee TC31
- Secretariat UK
- Chairman Jim Munro

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About TC 31

- TC 31 does not produce standards especially for the IECEx Scheme
- Has been in operation much longer for about 57 years
- Aim is to produce international standards for the Ex field

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Technical Committee Scope

- Title and Scope recently changed; scope now:
- To prepare and maintain international standards relating to equipment for use where there is a hazard due to the possible presence of explosive atmospheres of gases, vapours, mists or combustible dusts.

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TC 31 Composition

- 3 sub-committees
- 2 working groups
- 11 Maintenance teams
- 32 participating countries, called Pmembers
- 12 observer countries

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Standards Development

- Technical Committee (TC)
- TC made up of National Committees
- Subcommittees (SCs) to cover part of the work



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The Development Process New work proposal (NP) Possible working group drafts Published Standard Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) Am Murro International Compilance Fty Ltd Published Standard (FDIS)

Some Recently Issued Standards

Standards issued in last 12 months

- Explosive gas atmospheres >60079-15 Type of protection "n" >60079-27 Fieldbus intrinsically safe concept (FISCO)
- Combustible Dust
 - ➤61241-17 Selection installation and maintenance

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Some Major Changes Coming

- Equipment protection levels (EPLs)
- Combining gas and dust
- Revision and combination of 60079-12, -20 & -1.1 on data for Ex

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Some Current Projects – Gas and Dust

- 60050-426 Ed 2, IEV CD
- 60079-0 Ed 5, General CD
- 60079-19 Ed 2, Repair and Overhaul CDV

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Some Current Projects - Gas

- 60079-1 Ed 6, Ex d CD
- 60079-2 Ed 5, Ex p CD
- 60079-5 Ed 3, Ex q CD
- 60079-6 Ed 3, Ex o CD
- 60079-7, Ex e CDV
- 60079-11 Ed 5, intrinsic safety (IS)— CDV

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Some Current Projects – Gas ctd

- 60079-26 Ed2, Zone 0 CDV
- 60079-29-1 &2 (previously 61779-1 to 6), gas detectors CD
- New 60079-28, optical radiation CDV
- 62086-1 & -2 Ed 2, trace heating CDV
- 62013-1 & -2, caplights FDIS

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Some Current Projects -Dust

- New 61241-11, IS for dust FDIS
- New 61241-17, insp & main for dust FDIS

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Current Developments in ISO

- Gas detectors for hydrogen new work item proposal (NWIP) hydrogen detectors approved by ISO/TC 197
- Non-electrical 31/359/INF ISO/TS/P 200 proposed formation of ISO Committee for Ex

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Conclusion

 With the advent and increasing acceptance of IECEx Scheme international standards in the Ex field are assuming critical importance.

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