

Vantage Attends 10th Annual Series of Meetings of IECEX Scheme

Vantage Technology is a member of the United States National Committee for the IECEX (USNC/IECEX). As such it was proud to attend the 2006 meeting of the IECEX scheme in Shanghai China. This weeklong meeting was part of an ongoing effort to engage governments, certifying bodies, testing labs, manufactures, and industry in the goal of standardizing explosion proof safety throughout the world.

The IEC is the International Electrotechnical Commission. It defines itself as “the leading global organization that prepares and publishes international standards for all electrical, electronic, and related technologies. These serve as a basis for national standardization and as references when drafting international tenders (promise to pay) and contracts. Seated in Geneva, Switzerland:

- IEC's international standards facilitate world trade by removing technical barriers to trade, leading to new markets and economic growth.
- IEC's standards represent the core of the World Trade Organization's agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT).
- IEC's standards encourage an improved quality of life by contributing to safety, human health and the protection of the environment.”



Within the IEC is the **IECEX**. The stated objective of the IECEX Scheme “is to facilitate international trade in equipment and services for use in explosive atmospheres (Ex), while maintaining the required level of safety:

- reduced testing and certification costs to manufacturer
- reduced time to market
- international confidence in the product assessment process
- one international database listing
- maintaining International Confidence in equipment and services covered by IECEX Certification.”



Voting member **Darrin J. Lombard** of Vantage Technology serves the IECEX ... and as a member of the manufacturing community echoes the voice of the end-user of electrical products. This link between the realities of the market place and the bodies that determine the safety and reliability of equipment and services used in explosive atmospheres throughout the world is invaluable. Vantage plans to continue its service to both the customer and the world.

Vantage explosionproof connectors carry more third party product certifications than any manufacturer. Its mission is to provide the world market with an approved connector wherever it happens to be installed.