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Eaton Collaborates with ATEC Training and Certification Services to Provide Hazardous Area Certifications

HOUSTON ... Power management company Eaton today announced a collaboration with ATEC Training and Certification Services, the market leader in competence training, inspection and management of equipment in hazardous area locations. Eaton's Experience Center in Houston will expand industrial competency training modules to include CompEx global certification capabilities. The enhanced offerings will help design build engineers, plant operators, and industrial facility owners reduce cost and the potential for catastrophic events in hazardous and industrial environments.

"As part of the collaboration, we are launching a new CompEx certified course focused on National Electrical Code 500, specifically API RP 14F, the first of its kind in the industry, which will be offered exclusively at the Eaton Experience Center in Houston," said Tommy Sutherland, managing director, ATEC. "We are excited to join with Eaton to bring these important safety courses and competency assessments to those who work in hazardous areas."

The collaboration makes Eaton's Experience Center in Houston the only NEC- and IEC-focused CompEx training location in North America, adding six new courses that take advantage of the facility's true-to-life industrial environments and hands-on training opportunities. The Experience Center, which recently expanded to add [six new interactive applications](#), including a full-scale downstream petrochemical plant, will also offer ATEC

B.E.S.T. courses, which cover basic electrical and mechanical skills to provide a strong foundation of practices used in industrial workspaces.

“By combining ATEC’s extensive knowledge in international standards and requirements for safe design and operation of equipment in hazardous areas with Eaton’s world-class industrial training facility, we are helping provide specialized training for everyone from management to maintenance,” said Allan Clark, manager, Eaton’s Experience Center in Houston. “Proper training and certification can significantly reduce the potential for catastrophic events, helping keep everyone involved in hazardous area design, installation, maintenance and management safe.”

CompEx, or competency in explosive atmospheres, is the global solution for validating core competency of employees and contract staff of major users in the oil and gas and industrial markets. It was designed and developed by industry for industry in 1994 to provide a validation scheme that ensures personnel have the knowledge and skills for the specialty within explosive atmospheres.

The CompEx Certification Body is accredited to ISO/IEC 17024 : 2012 Conformity Assessment – General Requirements for Bodies operating Certification of Persons. The CompEx Scheme provides independence for competency validation using only centers that are licensed to the CompEx Certification Body, having met their rigorous approval process. CompEx is a registered trademark of JTLimited, part of the JTL Group.

Eaton’s Experience Center in Houston features a 14,000-square foot simulated petrochemical refinery and power distribution grid with more than 8,000 products installed in applications from upstream to midstream to downstream. The interactive environment is divided into process and containment areas that allow visitors to experience a wide range of oil and gas training opportunities for hazardous and non-hazardous applications. The facility’s mock refinery gives visitors access to live demonstrations of difficult-to-reach oil and gas applications both offshore and land-based.

To learn more about the Eaton Experience Center in Houston, contact EECHouston@eaton.com or visit www.eaton.com/eechouston.

Eaton’s electrical business is a global leader with expertise in power distribution and circuit protection; backup power protection; control and automation; lighting and security; structural solutions and wiring devices; solutions for harsh and hazardous environments; and

engineering services. Eaton is positioned through its global solutions to answer today's most critical electrical power management challenges.

Eaton is a power management company with 2015 sales of \$20.9 billion. Eaton provides energy-efficient solutions that help our customers effectively manage electrical, hydraulic and mechanical power more efficiently, safely and sustainably. Eaton has approximately 97,000 employees and sells products to customers in more than 175 countries. For more information, visit www.eaton.com.

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