Dr Johannes Auret from Explolabs as head delegate together with Theo Matsobe from SABS, attended for the second year in a row the IEC general meeting, this time held in historic New Delhi, India. The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) now provides 90% of the national standards on explosion prevention used in South Africa and it is important that our country stay in touch with current developments within the IEC. For example, the publication of standards for mechanical equipment for use in hazardous areas is due soon. Marking requirements have also changed recently.