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Pneumatrol Stands Out At Valve World Expo Asia



The Pneumatrol team at Valve World Asia

Lancashire-based specialist manufacturer **Pneumatrol Limited** has recently showcased its products at **Valve World Expo Asia 2015**, which was held on September 23 and 24 in the Suzhou International Expo Center in Suzhou, China.



The stand was busy during the show

market has significant potential for our products especially within the Process sector. During the last 18 months, we have worked closely with our business partner in China - Shenzhen Auto-Valve to develop our market presence. We are very pleased that we have achieved a great attendance record and received tremendous interest over the two-day period at this event. I have great confidence in our business growth in China, which forms a very important part of our business strategy.'

With a great success developed over the years, the biannual Valve World Expo has become an event with significant importance for valve professionals from all over the world to update their knowledge of valve applications in a variety of industries such as chemical, petrochemical, power generation, oil & gas and process industries.

Located on stand 528, Pneumatrol has presented its core product range of solenoid valves for use within hazardous and safe area environments, alongside linear valve actuators complete with integrated control package.

Andy Nash, Sales & Marketing Director of Pneumatrol, comments, 'The Chinese

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New Appointment For Pneumatrol

Pneumatrol Limited, the Lancashire-based specialist manufacturer of pneumatic control products for use within both hazardous and safe area environments, is very pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Over as Business Development Manager.



Richard Over

Richard has more than 25 years of global knowledge and experience within a variety of industry sectors including the Process Automation and Energy markets, for the promotion and sales of solenoid valves, pneumatic control equipment and instrumentation products. He previously worked for IMI Precision Engineering (Norgren Limited) in a similar role.

'This is a very important sales role for Pneumatrol, Richard has historically

achieved great success in developing significant new business on a global basis within the Process Automation and Energy market sectors, he will focus on gaining new business through predominantly new export customers. Richard's appointment demonstrates our commitment to invest in the business in order to achieve our strategic objective of international sales growth,' comments Andy Nash, Sales & Marketing Director for Pneumatrol.

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BVAA's Technical Hot Spot



The New ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU – EU Guidance

The new ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU is to become effective for items placed on the market from 20 April 2016.

The following "Guidance Document on the ATEX Directive Transition from 94/9/EC to 2014/34/EU" has been published on the official European website and is available from the link below:

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/mechanical-engineering/atex/index_en.htm

As this document makes clear:

"... the main changes in the new Directive 2014/34/EU with respect to the previous Directive 94/9/EC are quite limited, and do not concern the most substantial characteristics of the act that remain the same: scope, essential health and safety requirements, categorization and conformity assessment procedures."

The most significant changes are:

- Reference number
- Definitions are updated

- Economic operators (manufacturers, authorised representatives, importers, distributors) and their obligations are specified.

- Notified bodies: more detailed requirements and procedures outlined

The guidance document has a list of Frequently Asked Questions with answers.

Transition arrangements state that existing certificates referring to 94/9/EC remain valid. However, any changes after 20 April 2016 will need a new certificate. More detailed guidance is given in the document.

Draft legislation in the UK has been discussed and will be implemented before this date.

You are also reminded that the list of harmonised standards under the 94/9/EC Directive is available on the EU website:

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/european-standards/harmonised-standards/equipment-explosive-atmosphere/index_en.htm