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**To whom it may concern:**

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**3M Cable Accessories in relation to the ATEX 94/9/EC Directive**

The Directive covers a large range of equipment, potentially including equipment used on fixed offshore platforms, in petrochemical plants, mines, flourmills and other areas where a potentially explosive atmosphere may be present.

In very broad terms, there are three pre-conditions for the Directive to apply: the equipment

- a) must have its own source of ignition;
- b) be intended for use in a potentially explosive atmosphere (air mixtures); and
- c) be under normal atmospheric conditions.

When used as directed, 3M cable accessories **do not** have a source of ignition. The firing of an explosive atmosphere may be caused by a short circuit, but when installed according to our instructions, these products are safe against short circuits.

To conclude, 3M cable accessories are **not** within the scope of the directive.

Yours sincerely

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