



## **New ETCI Technical Committee for Electrostatics**



The Electro-Technical Council of Ireland has recently hosted the inaugural meeting of a new technical committee to address Electrostatics. ETCI TC21 will follow and contribute to the technical work of IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) TC101 and will coordinate all aspects of Ireland's input to the technical work at the international level.

The Scope of ETCI TC21 has been agreed as follows:

"To coordinate the national input to the work of IEC TC101 with reference to:

- Standardisation in the field of electrostatics to provide general guidance on test methods to evaluate the generation, retention and dissipation of electrostatic charges.
- Ascertaining the effect of electrostatic discharges.
- Methods of simulation of electrostatic phenomena for testing purposes.
- Requirements for design and implementation of handling areas or procedures, equipment, and materials used to reduce or eliminate electrostatic hazards or undesirable effects."

The Chairman of ETCI TC21 is Mr. Mel Gannon.

Further information on the work of ETCI TC21 may be obtained from ETCI Head Office.