



To Whom it may concern

Following discussions with the HSE on the Safety Alert posted on February 6th, dated January 10th, as regards to certain Hadar products manufactured by the A-Belco Group in the past.

On November 4, 2016, A-Belco Ltd was placed in administration and an immediate process was begun to solicit a purchaser for the business. On November 23, 2016, Hubbell Ltd. bought a select portion of the assets of A-Belco Ltd. including the assets associated with Hadar Lighting Brand.

Hubbell Ltd would like to expand on the HSE notice and fully explain the situation leading up to the release of this alert and also provide further advice to end-users of legacy Hadar products with regards to any further actions that may be required.

During a routine assessment audit conducted by CSA-Sira on A-Belco Ltd's manufacturing operation in Ashington, Northumberland UK that occurred prior to Hubbell Ltd's acquisition of the Hadar Lighting product line, there were findings recorded with respect to the A-Belco production and process control. As a result of these findings, CSA-Sira began a more detailed evaluation of the product ranges identified and conducted additional testing. These tests indicated some non-conformances to industry standard regarding Ingress Protection, IP ratings. In particular, some of the test samples failed the IP tests following the impact test post thermal conditioning.

These actions resulted in the suspension of use of the A-Belco QAN and QAR.

As a limited number of samples were subjected to the noted tests, a more detailed study is underway to properly determine the performance of these products.

The products are ranges:

- HDL100
- HDL106
- HDL109
- HDL206

As many of the necessary tests, required to be conducted have thermal aging requirements to properly conduct IP testing, it is estimated to take 30-60 days for a better understanding of the product and the potential recommendations.

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As detailed in the HSE safety alert, HSE recommends that any of the light fittings noted above be inspected in accordance with BS EN 60079-17 inspection procedures, as is required in any case of this equipment. It is recommended, however, that particular attention be given to water ingress beyond allowable limits as well as the lens / gasket interface.

Should the inspection indicate non-conforming light fittings, Hubbell Ltd has worked with the notified body, CSA-Sira, to define a proper solution to the IP question.

