

Kenneth Barber



Biography

Ken has been employed in the Electric Cable industry since 1961. He has worked for Cable plants in UK, India, Malaysia and Australia, and for 34 years commencing in 1976 was responsible for Olex Australia's R&D and HV cable systems. He was the Chairman of the Australia Standards committee for Insulated cables for more than 20 years and on standards committees for Bare conductors and the Australia Wiring rules. He was Group Technical Manager and later General Manager High Voltage and Engineering. He has been involved in supply and installation of 2000 km of HV and EHV cable for more than 200 projects in the Asia Pacific region and has authored numerous technical papers.

After the acquisition of Olex by Nexans in 2006, Ken became part of the Nexans HV team based in Asia Pacific as the Sales Director for HV cables in Asia Pacific region. He retired from Nexans in June 2012 to develop his own consulting business but has been retained by Nexans for the past 12 months as a consultant, representing them on various organizations such as CIGRE, AESIEAP & JICABLE. He is a member of the IET, Life Member of IEEE and Convener of the CIGRE Asia-Oceania Regional Council (AORC) B1 panel. He is a member of CIGRE SC B1 Strategic Advisory Group and recently took on the role of Convenor of a CIGRE B1 Task Force to consider the development of a Technical Brochure on the "Technical Issues relative to Long Length AC cable systems".