



A weekly message from the CEO Nº 21

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This series of messages is aimed at keeping you informed of the establishment of the new National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSA).

PERSONNEL:

- We welcome Zbigniew Lambert and Patrick Senycia.

Zbigniew is a mechanical engineer and has a Diploma in Business and Administration. He spent a number of years in the Polish shipyards working on the design, inspection and testing of cranes and pressure equipment. Whilst in Australia he worked in WorkSafe WA, and, most recently, as manager of the Operations Safety Section at DOIR.

Patrick has a degree in Chemistry and a Diploma of Education. Whilst working for the Simon-Robertson Group he gained experience in drilling and well logging, and he has 10 years' regulatory experience involving onshore Major Hazard Facilities.

BOARD:

- An informal meeting of the NOPSA Board was held in Canberra on 7/8 December 2004. The Board received presentations on the background of the legislation and NOPSA build. The Chair was elected, 2005 meeting dates agreed, and a draft agenda proposed for the first meeting to be held on 10 February 2005.
- Whilst in Canberra, the CEO met with Warren Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary for Industry, Tourism and Resources) and Mark Paterson (Secretary, DITR).

INDUSTRY MATTERS:

- We met with drilling contractors and several industry representatives in relation to the nomination and duties of Operators.
- We continue to meet with allocated Operators to discuss particular projects and we are starting to deal with safety case assessment issues in collaboration with Designated Authorities.
- The Memorandum of Understanding with DITR has been signed.
- We held the second of our telecon meetings with all DAs on 9 December 2004. Issues relating to MOUs/WOMP, drilling and pipelines were discussed. Transitional issues, including ongoing investigation and enforcement, were covered. We received outline information about the recent incident on board the "Jack Bates" MODU.
- We are currently developing a series of "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) on hot topics. These will be placed on our website in due course.

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