



## A weekly message from the CEO

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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 Bruce Armour, Ian Crawford, Peter Harris, Wayne Higgins and Hal Obaidi.

**Bruce** recently joined the NOPSA Melbourne office as an OHS inspector. Bruce has a degree in mechanical engineering and has had a long career in the industry, initially as a facilities and pipelines project engineer and later as a projects manager. After working for a consulting engineering company in Melbourne and Sale he joined Shell International Exploration and Production where various overseas postings took him and his family to Brunei, Oman, the Netherlands and Syria. His final position with Shell was as business development manager for Iran and Qatar. Since returning to Melbourne in 2000 he has been employed in the petroleum regulations division of the Victorian Department of Primary Industry.

**Ian** has taken up his appointment as Information Officer this week. Ian has a Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics), and extensive experience in IT management, web development, and project/contract management, gained in the private and public sectors, and in academia.

**Peter** joined us this week from Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines where he held the position of Deputy Chief Inspector of the Petroleum and Gas Branch. Peter has a background in combustion engineering and safety instrumented system assessment and last year qualified as a Functional Safety Engineer with TUV Germany. He is currently studying petroleum engineering at the University of New South Wales. He was instrumental in the development of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act and Regulations and Dangerous Goods (Safety Management) Act in Queensland. He developed and implemented the safety management audit tool “SafeGuard for the Petroleum and Gas Industries” and introduced safety management system auditing into the LPG and Natural Gas Major Hazard Facilities declared under the Dangerous Goods (Safety Management) Act. During his time with the Department he was involved in the investigation of significant incidents in the Petroleum and Gas industries such as the Watson Oil Field fatalities and at Berwyndale.

**Wayne** has 26 years’ experience in the offshore oil and gas industry, the majority of this time in senior positions. For 16 years he was employed with Esso Australia in Bass Strait and for the last 11 years he was a freelance consultant working for major companies throughout the world, at senior level.

**Hal** has joined NOPSA as an OHS inspector. Hal is a chartered Electrical, Instrumentation and Control engineer (UK & Aus) and has a MSc from Imperial College (Lon) and a PhD from Bath Univ (UK). He has 24 years in the offshore oil and gas industry. He worked with Adma-Opco (UAE) as Snr Instrument Engineer (onshore and offshore), with Zadco (UAE) as a MTN T/L (offshore) and with Brown & Root in Perth as a Lead Instrument Engineer.

- **Ian Senini**, NOPSA Implementation Team Project Manager, retires today. We wish to thank Ian for his tireless efforts over the last 3+ years in establishing NOPSA. We wish him all the very best for the future.

#### **PERTH OFFICE:**

- DITR Implementation Team (Canberra) visited Perth and provided policy-related training to NOPSA staff.

#### **INDUSTRY BUSINESS:**

- We held the regular liaison meeting with DoIR and, in particular, we discussed the draft contract for NOPSA to undertake work on behalf of DoIR in WA coastal and inland waters.
- We met with Santos, Woodside, ChevronTexaco, Esso Wandoo, BHP and Apache.

On behalf of

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