

NOPSA

A weekly message from the CEO

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PLEASE PASS TO ALL CONCERNED

This series of messages from the CEO is aimed at keeping you informed of the establishment of the new National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSA). As NOPSA is in the process of moving into the Perth Office, John Clegg has asked me to send this on his behalf.

PERSONNEL:

Welcome to new staff:

- Krysten Farrer – EA to Paul Finnigan
- Jan Binder – EA to Simon Schubach

Recruitment:

- Team Leader – Ted Kirkbride joins us on 25 October.
- Regulators – about 12 have agreed to join. Further 12 being interviewed next week.
- Targeted advertisements for particular specialisms will take place end October.
- Administrators – Pam Hyde – Information Officer – joins 11 October
Jean Rowland – EA to Ted Kirkbride – joins 18/10.

NOTE: This completes the admin recruitment.

BOARD:

The Board Orientation is planned for 7 & 8 December 2004, in Canberra. Details to be confirmed.

PERTH OFFICE:

- NOPSA staff have now moved from Canberra to Perth. The staff would like to thank DITR for their patience and support over the last three months.
- Communications should be up and running mid-next week.

MELBOURNE OFFICE:

Negotiations are under way to secure suitable accommodation in or near the CBD.

DARWIN OFFICE:

DBird are kindly providing a temporary office/desk for an interim period.

CONFERENCES:

- John Clegg attending the Industrial Foundation for Accident Prevention (IFAP) dinner on 12 October.

- Peter Wilkinson speaking at the Floating Production Storage Offloading (FPSO) conference at the University of Western Australia on 13 & 14 October.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING:

John Clegg and NOPSA staff have met with CEO and staff of:

- Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)
- Geoscience Australia
- Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB)
- National Occupation Safety & Health Commission (NOSHC)
- Australian Diver Accreditation Services (ADAS)
- The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA)

and some designated authorities. Over 25 memoranda of understanding are being drafted.

CURRENT SAFETY-RELATED NEWS:

Sadly, it was reported that two Filipino seamen were killed in a safety exercise aboard a ship off the West Australian coast overnight.

Five men were being lowered into the ocean from the iron ore carrier Lowlands Grace four kilometres off Port Hedland as part of the exercise when their life raft suddenly dropped 30 metres.

Two men died and three were injured, one with a broken leg and one with spinal injuries. The survivors were rescued by the crew of the guided missile frigate HMAS Melbourne. The injured men were taken to Port Hedland Regional Hospital.

Investigators planned to interview the crew of the 270 metre long Hong Kong flagged bulk carrier today.

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