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**For Australasian Drilling**

## **A Nationally Recognised Qualification**

Some in the mining and civil construction industries may lament that work health and safety harmonisation this year will spell the end of licenses to operate earthmoving equipment in Queensland and NSW.

However, the big positive to emerge will be a nationally recognised qualification for safe operation. Operators from outside will find it easier crossing into these states to take up jobs.

Safe operation will be the duty of a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU), once referred to as the employer.

The PCBU can now be an individual, a corporation, or a charitable organisation – any person or entity that conducts a business or undertaking.

The PCBU's job is to ensure the operator is competent. Although there are a number of ways to demonstrate competency, the strongest form of evidence will be a statement of attainment for unit of competency in a nationally recognised qualification through a registered training organisation (RTO).

The RII09 Resources and Infrastructure Industry Training Package supersedes training packages such as Civil Construction and Metalliferous Mining and a unit of competency in the package will provide a nationally recognised qualification.

Visitors to the trade show Safety in Action at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 17-19 April, should ask at the Easy Guides Australia Stand about RII09 training resources and the 'Start Up Pack'.

This provides a comprehensive suite of training resources including practical training tasks, review questions, a multimedia presentation and an assessment instrument.

The packs are designed for use by a company to meet its OHS Act duty of care training obligations, or by an RTO delivering the RII09 unit of competency qualification.

Safety In Action, to be held concurrently with Melbourne Materials Handling will offer safety managers and supervisors the most convenient and effective way to keep track of the latest products and services.

Further, visitors will be able to network and learn from industry experts through a number of free industry knowledge centres.

## **Free WorkHealth Checks**

At the WorkHealth stand, free, quick and confidential WorkHealth checks will be on offer on all three days of Safety in Action. You can also sign up your workplace for the free checks at [workhealth.vic.gov.au](http://workhealth.vic.gov.au)

The checks test for risk factors associated with type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease, two of the most common yet preventable chronic diseases, and take just 15 minutes.

The checks include a brief lifestyle survey together with measurement of blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and waist circumference. Results and advice on healthy lifestyle habits are provided on the spot.

The right kind of work wear is essential for rigs and constructions sites.

Made in Europe, and designed with trademark Italian style and flair, Italian Sports Brand Diadora will display a new Range of Utility Safety Boots.

## **Hughes on the front foot**

Merv Hughes, who played in Diadora gear during his spectacular cricketing career, will be at the Diadora Utility Safety Boots stand to engage with visitors interested in the ideal Safety footwear for the streets, mines and worksites.

Terra Safety Footwear recently made its debut in Australia through the same company that revolutionised hand protection here – Safety Mate.

The Safety Mate stand will showcase CLEANFEET® which guarantees odour-free footwear, SUPERFEET® insoles designed to support and stabilise feet, redistribute weight and align the entire body and FIRMA-FLEX®, which uses super-weaved high tensile fabric to make one very tough metal-free toe-cap.

## **Take five**

Safety information should always be a priority. The Tennyson Group stand will show its specialty - Take 5 Safety books - along with an array of other printed safety items including durable signage, safety tags and pre-start checklist books

The Take 5 book allows holders to accurately and promptly report hazards in the workplace and complete a simple Risk Assessment, while also offering safety tips that are simple to follow.

It comprises of two duplicate NCR Pads (Hazard Report and Personal Pre Task Risk Assessment), 10 double-sided vinyl pockets to hold safety tips and contact



information, and a laminated risk assessment card for users to accurately assess their risk.

### **Aid to manual handling**

Electrodrive focuses on making the workplace safer with custom engineered manual handling equipment to suit specific workplace applications.

Visitors to the Electrodrive stand can check out equipment ranging from tugs, power trolleys, waste bin movers and ride-ons for industrial requirements to motorised bed-movers.

The above is just a sampling of what will be exhibited at Safety in Action and Melbourne Materials Handling.

*To register or for more information, go to [safetyinaction.net.au](http://safetyinaction.net.au) or call 03 8672 1200.*

### **Safety in Action & Melbourne Materials Handling**

Tuesday	17 April 2012	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	18 April 2012	9am - 5pm
Thursday	19 April 2012	9am - 4pm

Venue: Melbourne Exhibition Centre

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