MAK WATER NOW CERTIFIED TO ISO STANDARD 45001 FOR OH&S

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ISO 45001 IS THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

Recently audited by Bureau Veritas, MAK Water is pleased to announce that it has gained ISO 45001 Occupational Health & Safety Management System certification, in addition to existing ISO 9001 Quality Management System certification.

Manufacturing Manager, Gareth O'Neill said, *"I am pleased to say that we have now been awarded certification for ISO 45001. It could not have been achieved without the participation of everyone in the organisation."*

According to the International Labour Organization, more than 7,600 people die from work-related accidents or diseases every single day. The cost of a workplace accident is huge; consider the lost productive hours of the injured individual, the opportunity cost of hours eaten up by investigations and remedial actions, the mental & wellbeing impacts on those involved and affected. A poor workplace safety record can even lead other companies to avoid working with you.

MAK Water celebrated 3 years without a Lost-Time-Injury (LTI) in May 2021.The Australian owned and operated company has an enviable safety record, designing and building water and wastewater treatment plants as safely as possible for both their own workforce, and their customers. The ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System bolsters MAK Water's already robust approach to OHS work with rigorously proven safety management methodologies.

A key part of ISO 45001 is ensuring workers take an active role in their safety at work, empowering them to raise awareness of workplace risks. Prior to certification, MAK Water had already implemented an electronic system for safety, quality and training management. This system is accessible to all employees, allowing them to log and track response to risks. It is used throughout the organisation, ensuring everyone is participating in making MAK Water a safety-first employer.

CEO Andy Byk said, "COVID has heightened everyone's awareness of their own personal space and security and employers have had to adapt to this new normal way of working and living. MAK Water has achieved compliance with the international safety standard – ISO 45001, and implemented a number of new safety and personal health initiatives including company-wide safety meetings and access to counselling. I am proud that the workplace culture at MAK Water puts safety first."

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