



Worksafe Management Systems

TASPORTS CASE STUDY

OVERVIEW

The Tasmanian Ports Corporation Pty Ltd (Tasports) is Australia's fifth largest port. The port environment presents many potentially hazardous situations for employees who work on ships, boats and other small vessels that are docked where heavy machinery is in operation.

As a result of successful amalgamation with four former ports and operation as a single entity, Tasports felt it necessary to take proactive action to ensure the company's operations remained conducive with a safe working environment for all employees. This has been achieved through the standardisation of policies, systems and practices across the entire organisation.



The Solution

Tasports' goal of zero lost-time accidents is being met with the implementation of Worksafe Management Systems' Incident Management System (IMS). The IMS assists in identifying and understanding the risks within the workplace environment. Through the software's state-of-the-art recording, managing and reporting tools, Tasports has been effective in better controlling and reducing workplace incidents.

The Results

The adoption of a strong policy of workplace safety, coupled with the implementation of the IMS software, has seen Tasports significantly reduce the number of lost-time injuries in the working environment, making it amongst the best performing ports authorities in Australia.

Tasports

The Tasmanian Ports Corporation Pty Ltd (Tasports) is a registered, private company fully owned by the Tasmanian Government. It is responsible for the operations and management of all ports in Tasmania. Tasports is currently one of Australia's largest ports, following the amalgamation of four former ports (Hobart Ports Corporation Pty Ltd, Port of Launceston Pty Ltd, Port of Devonport Corporation Pty Ltd and Burnie Port Corporation Pty Ltd) in January 2006. Tasports' extensive range of functions and geographic locations also makes it one of the most diverse ports in Australia.

The Challenge

Safety is paramount in the operation of Tasports and as such a safety report is the first agenda item at every Board and Executive Group Meeting to achieve the goal of zero lost-time accidents. To assist in achieving this goal, Tasports implemented a rigorous safety program, which identifies and reports hazards and near misses as a key initiative to prevent accidents.

Worksafe Management Systems' solution

Jordan Pastourel, General Manager at Worksafe Management Systems, began working with the team at Tasports in 2006 to implement a software solution to help effectively manage workplace health and safety issues and reduce the financial drain of workplace incidents.

John Johnston, Tasports' HSE Manager, said the Incident Management System appealed to the company for its automated email notification feature. "The ability to report and track all incidents that occurred on the shop floor level directly - to relevant management and safety teams within a matter of minutes - has become an important part of the management of incidents occurring in Tasports' five different locations", he says.

"Tasports is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace, and Worksafe Management Systems' IMS software is a very important tool for the continued management of workplace incidents. The software has not only helped us to reduce the number of lost-time injuries, it is easy to use and the recording, managing and reporting tools allows management to quickly and effectively utilise the system," Mr. Johnston says.

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Tangible Outcomes

The adoption of a strong policy of workplace safety, coupled with the implementation of the Incident Management System, has seen significant results for Tasports.

Lost-time injury frequency rates dropped from an average of 45 in 2006, to the current level of 2 - well below the industry average for Tasmania and amongst the best-performing ports authorities in Australia. This year, Tasports achieved certification for its Safety Management System by auditors SAI Global. This certification provides an objective assessment that meets national safety standards.

Further, in 2009, Tasports won the prestigious Port of the Year Award at the Lloyds List DCN Australian Shipping and Transport Awards. This year, Tasports also won the "Best Injury Management" state Work Cover award.

About Worksafe Management Systems

Worksafe Management Systems has been helping many public and private sector clients make their workplaces safe since 1993.

Their depth of industry and workplace experience enables the company to consistently deliver results to clients.

A dedicated team of professionals work with businesses in the implementation of IMS to meet specific needs and provide full support and training to assist in better management of OH&S responsibilities.

For further information on Worksafe Management Systems

Call today to find out how you can arrange a free, no obligation, demonstration to step you through how Worksafe Management Systems can help you effectively manage workplace health and safety responsibilities.

For further information on Tasports

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