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New ISO 15743:2008 will help to manage risk in cold workplaces

A new ISO standard provides a comprehensive methodology for assessing risk and managing work in cold environments.

Due to the negative impact of cold on human health and performance, as well as on work productivity, quality and safety, a comprehensive strategy of risk assessment and management practices and methods is needed for work in cold environments.

ISO 15743:2008, Ergonomics of the thermal environment – Cold workplaces – Risk assessment and management, has been developed to describe the methods and practices for assessing and managing occupational health and performance risks in cold workplaces.

The standard gives practical instructions for risk analysis and management in cold working conditions. It describes:

- ◆ a model and methods for risk assessment practices in cold work
 - ◆ a model and method for occupational health care professionals to identify individuals having symptoms which increase their cold sensitivity, plus optimal guidance and instructions for individual cold protection
 - ◆ informative guidelines on how to apply different international thermal standards and other validated scientific methods when assessing cold related risks
 - ◆ a model and methods for cold risk management practices
 - ◆ practical examples of working in cold conditions.
- Working in a cold environment can involve several adverse effects on human performance and health: thermal discomfort, increased strain, decreased performance and cold-related diseases and injuries. Cold can also interfere with several other factors in the workplace, modifying or aggravating the risk of common hazards and increasing the risk of cold-associated injuries.
- A number of industries, type of commerce and occupations involve substantial cold exposure:
- ◆ outdoors (such as the construction industry, maintenance of electrical power lines, gas lines, telecommunication systems or road, agriculture and forestry work, fishing industry)
 - ◆ indoors (meat processing industry, cold stores in industry and in the transport chain from industry to the shops).
- It includes working inside vehicles and inland and offshore work but the standard is not applicable to diving or other types of work performed underwater.
- "ISO 15743:2008 complements a series of ISO standards concerned with work in cold conditions as well as other areas of thermal stress. It supports good occupational health and safety practice and will help developers, manufacturers, management, occupational safety personnel, occupational health care workers and others." comments Prof. Ken Parsons, Chair of the ISO subcommittee that developed the standard.

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QUOTE

"The gap in our economy is between what we have and what we think we ought to have—and that is a moral problem, not an economic one."

—Paul Heyne

GOOD NEWS!

- ◆ According to figures from Stats Canada, manufacturing sales figures rose 0.1 percent in September. In effect, Canadian goods producers sold \$845 million more in September than economists forecast. <http://www.cbc.ca/money/story/2008/11/14/manufacturing.html>

- ◆ *Does your manufacturing company have a success story? What are some steps that you have taken to increase your competitiveness in the market? We'd love to hear from you. This spot is for success stories only! Negative thinkers need not respond.*

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In response to the publication of ISO 9001:2008, we have scheduled a series of one-day sessions to explain the differences, clause-by-clause between this new version, and ISO 9001:2000. Since companies have only one year to make the transition, we will schedule sessions throughout 2009. For session dates in your area, please refer to the course schedule on our website.

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Don't Worry—Be Planning

By Gord Simmons

I always thought the song "Don't Worry Be Happy" had a catchy tune and a great message but also realized that happiness, like success in business comes by doing positive things, which generate positive results. Our economy is in for some rough times as we move close to a recession, but history has shown that there are also opportunities during this kind of uncertain climate. Even during the Great Depression some people and organizations made a lot of money and expanded their businesses. Since somebody can, why not you?

Stay the course – our financial institutions are strong enough to weather the storm – be patient – business as usual – the sky is falling! Heard enough of these clichés to last you the next two years? You have also heard from the "Experts" that they saw this downturn in the economy coming months ago. Unfortunately these "Experts" are the same Experts (Economists mostly) who predicted that same thing every year for the past eight, and are now very pumped up that they are finally right.

I guess if you predict something long enough it is bound to come true. I am predicting that the economy will rebound



sometime in the future so if we all wait long enough it will come true. What we all realize is that just by saying something, doesn't make it so. Only our positive actions will make it so. So what are some of the actions you can take to stay healthy and flourish in an uncertain economy?

I suggest you start by creating a positive mindset approach within your organization and in everything you do. Do not allow yourself or anyone else to waste time and energy on negatives. People who are constantly dealing in negatives are usually extremely boring and drain the energy from the people around them.

Start to look for the opportunities in every situation that you confront. Look at these situations as a way of moving in a different direction or if you are moving in a preferred direction a means of strengthening your current approach for bet-

ter results. Plan to take action and plan to succeed. Sound like more clichés? They are until you adopt them and make them work for you. Most importantly start actively planning and carrying out actions. Concentrate on at least these three areas of planning.

- ◆ Plan to Save
- ◆ Plan to Maintain
- ◆ Plan to Expand

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