HEALTH & SAFETY BULLETIN

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PBS Utility Services Ltd is proud to achieve 1,000 days with no Lost Time Injuries

On Monday 8th October 2018, PBS Utility Services Ltd achieved the milestone of reaching 1,000 days with no lost time due to workplace injury or illness. This covers not only employees, but contractors, site visitors and third parties.

PBS Utility Services Ltd safety achievement is an excellent result for any business in the Utilities sector, especially in one where lone working, equipment, vehicles and working close to electrical overhead lines come together on a daily basis.

The Utilities industry employs around half a million people working in the sector with a relatively high proportion in skilled and technical roles. All of the different utility industries covered are subject to high levels of political and regulatory scrutiny. In general the rates of work-related injury and ill-health within this sector are similar to average for all industries.
Key challenges for our sector are an ageing field workforce and upgrading essential assets and infrastructure to meet future political and public needs.

HSEQ Manager Chris Smart says 'the PBS Utility Services Ltd team has developed a strong safety culture throughout the organisation. Safety must come first, and I believe there is no reason why we can't have an injury-free workplace. As a team we have really embraced this, as accidents not only impact work, but family and home life too. Reporting tools have been key to ensuring workplace safety by identifying and remedying risks before they become problems. We put very good controls in place to prevent accidents or reoccurrences across the business, and we are continuously looking at ways of reducing accidents. This has been instrumental in our recent safety achievement. 'Staff across the business in both the field and the office are conscientious and proactive in creating and ensuring a safe work environment. 'Everyone is in agreement that safety is everyone's responsibility'

How has PBS Utility Services Ltd achieved excellence in safety?

- ✓ Strong processes which adhere to pro-active and conscientious behaviour
- ✓ Responsible culture - both collective and individual
- ✓ Active participation in Monthly Meetings and Quarterly Stand Downs
- ✓ Regular reporting (Safe/Un-Safe Acts)
- ✓ Regular auditing, reporting and monitoring
- ✓ Root cause analysis of incidents
- ✓ Continuous improvement

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