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NQA is a leading certification body and training provider for health and safety management. Our services include accredited OHSAS 18001 certification, approved training from IOSH and NEBOSH, and legal updates via our free InTouch service (see www.nqa.com/intouch).

In total, we support over 20,000 organisations in 70 countries worldwide with accredited certification, technical information, training and events.

Attend our presentation in the Spotlight Theatre titled “Corporate Manslaughter Act - Practical Steps to Demonstrating Due Diligence” to find out how NQA can help you. Alternatively, please visit our friendly team at Stand C15 or online at www.nqa.com/ohs.

NQA takes the spotlight at IOSH 10

NQA, a leading certification body of OHSAS 18001, is supporting health and safety practitioners by sponsoring the Spotlight presentation theatre at the annual IOSH conference & exhibition.

Organised by the Institution of Occupational Health and Safety, IOSH 10 will be held at the Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre, Glasgow, 24 -25 March 2010.

Head of NQA, Catherine Golds comments, The IOSH Conference is one of the largest health and safety conferences in the UK and NQA are delighted to be part of such an interesting and relevant event. The UK has had a long standing history of health and safety regulation going back over 150 years, however, the introduction of the Corporate Manslaughter Act has confirmed that health and safety management has become more relevant than ever.”

Andrew Burns-Warren, NQA Health and Safety Advisor, joins a number of distinguished speakers taking part in the IOSH Spotlight Seminars. Highlighting the challenges faced by health and safety practitioners today, Andrew’s presentation will be on the Corporate Manslaughter Act - Practical Steps to Demonstrating Due Diligence.



The annual IOSH conference and exhibition is the largest and most comprehensive health and safety conference in the UK, featuring a prestigious array of leading speakers, up-to-the-minute information and best practice case studies – all aimed at helping health and safety professionals meet their future challenges.

NQA client case study – Semple & McKillop Ltd



Pioneering Consultant Engineers Semple & McKillop Ltd, has attained official accreditation to three internationally recognised management standards.

Although Semple & McKillop has held the quality standard ISO 9001 since 1998, the organisation has more recently been awarded ISO 14001 for the environment and OHSAS 18001 for health & safety, by certification body NQA, following the implementation of an integrated management system.

With offices in Northern Ireland (Belfast) and the Republic of Ireland (Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan), Semple & McKillop provide consultant engineering services to the built environment industry, including mechanical and electrical design, low carbon and environmental consultancy, and specialist technical services.

Established in 1997, Semple & McKillop has a reputation for design innovation, providing sustainable engineering solutions and delivering the highest levels of quality, health & safety and environmental performance to satisfy client needs.

Company Director, Seamus McKillop, explains, “Continuous quality improvement is a key business requirement for the company. Achieving certification to the recognised international standards is in keeping with our ambition to become leaders in innovative sustainable design within the built environment.

“As consulting engineers who design and specify energy efficient building services, we have a long established interest in quality, health & safety and environmental issues. Accreditation to these standards provides external recognition and evidence of our expertise and our commitment to these concerns. The integrated system provides us with a holistic management system that encourages us to deliver to the highest standard.

“We decided to integrate our previous management systems to streamline our processes and build on our existing working practices. We appointed Quality, Environmental and Health & Safety Officers to drive this project forward, and had the support of all staff members, who were fully engaged throughout process.” Seamus continues, “There is an increasing need to validate our assurance of advanced environmental performance and reduce quality and health & safety risks within our designs, the products specified and those ultimately installed. Having a recognised management system is an effective way for us to demonstrate our performance in these areas and produce measurable, long-term results to support our business.”

Semple & McKillop has just completed the New Skills Centre at the South West Regional College in County Fermanagh. This advanced educational training centre for students of joinery, plumbing, electrical services

and other construction related trades, includes classrooms, lecture spaces and fully fitted training workshops, in addition to meeting rooms, I.T and canteen facilities.

A biomass boiler was installed as the primary means of heat generation in the building, whilst rain water harvesting and flow controls were used to minimise the water usage within the building. Presence detection and day lighting controls are also used to reduce the use of artificial lighting throughout the building. These enhanced environmental measures led to the project achieving a BREEAM (BRE Environmental Assessment Method) rating of very good.

Catherine Golds, Head of NQA says, "Semple & McKillop have led the way with their integrated management system and are setting an example to others. A certified management system will demonstrate your commitment to quality through all aspects of the business, contribute to the bottom line from day one and bring about additional benefits including credibility and longevity; inevitably opening the door to new business opportunities."

Semple & McKillop were short-listed for Consultancy of the Year, at this year's Building Services Awards, which acknowledge excellence, innovation and professionalism across the industry.

For further information on integrated management systems visit www.nqa.com

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Notes to editors:

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Working in partnership with a wide range of businesses, government departments and charitable organisations, NQA helps to improve performance in health and safety, quality and environment management.

NQA holds accreditation from UKAS and ANAB (the respective national accreditation bodies of the United Kingdom and United States). NQA's assessors have extensive experience of working in their relevant industries and are assessed against competency criteria laid out within international standards.

The international organisation has a head office in Houghton Regis, UK, and two joint ventures in the USA (NQA, USA Inc) and China (SNQA), in addition to offices around the world.