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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter **February 2013 Issue 2**

Dear Philip,

Welcome to the second February edition of our newsletter. What we aim to do is to provide information which is of use to you and to let you know the activities in which we have been involved. We also aim to let you know of any incidents that have occurred in, and legislation that is related to, the areas in which we work. We realise that, with the broad spectrum of our activities, some may not be relevant to you but we hope you find the rest useful.

Whilst the intention of this newsletter is to be useful, we realise that most people are plagued by spam and should you wish to prevent future issues being sent to you, unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of the page.

Regards,

Philip Chambers
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Bizzib gain ISO 9001 certification



Congratulations to Essex company, Bizzib, who have gained certification to ISO 9001. Bizzib provide cleaning and similar services and the requirement to be certified to ISO 9001 gives them a major advantage, particularly when providing services to large companies and local councils.

The Bizzib certification is our 30th ISO 9001 certification, though we do provide support to an increasing number of companies who already have ISO 9001 but require a more user-friendly system than their original system.

[See about gaining ISO 9001 from scratch.](#)

[See about SSS support for improving your existing 9001 system.](#)

OSHCR



Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register

One of the outcomes of the Loftsted report was that the HSE set up of the above register so that companies can be assured of the professional competence of a safety consultant they may consider using. (The HSE recently prosecuted a company and their consultant because the consultant was insufficiently qualified for the task; one outcome was recommending using OSHCR.)

The OSHCR sets a gold-standard for consultants and it is interesting to note that trade association internal people are not on this register; in some cases this is because they do not meet the HSE's

requirements of competence. There is no mandatory requirement to use a consultant on the register, but it both gives you confidence in the consultant and provides a strong position with the HSE and insurance companies. The trouble is, it has not been publicised that well.

Whilst SSS are on the register and have gained business through it, we suspect that most people have never heard of it. We'd appreciate it if you could just let us know if you have heard of it through this very short survey.

[3-question survey on OSHCR](#)
[See OSHCR register](#)

Incidents and court cases

Unsafe excavation

Given that the first prosecution (Cotswold Geotech.) for Corporate Manslaughter was for an unsupported trench collapsing, Basi Construction want their heads examined. Workers were left to complete excavation work three metres deep into soft clay that was totally unsupported. Basi were fined £8797.

[See details.](#)

Company used unqualified consultant

Prior Scientific Instruments used a consultant with no health and safety background to provide health and safety advice. Because of inadequate CoSHH assessments, an employee suffered irritation to his eyes, breathing difficulties, headaches, lost the ability to concentrate and is now unable to work.

Prior Scientific Instruments were fined £11850 (inc. costs) and the consultant was fined £3000 (inc. costs).

[See details.](#)

I hope you have found this information of interest. If you have any suggestions of other information you would like to see, please [contact me](#).

Regards,

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