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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the October 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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HSE FFI budget set at £12 million

Information received under the Freedom of Information Act shows that the HSE have set a budget equivalent to £12 million per year for fees gained under the Fees for Intervention (FFI) process started on 1st October 2012.

Whilst I don't have a problem with the concept that companies who are at fault should cover the HSE's costs, rather than the taxpayer doing this, there is something wrong with this budget. At the FFI rate of £124 per hour, £12 million requires 96,000 hours or 55 man years per year. Or if we take a guess and say that each intervention will take 5 hours, then there needs to be 19,200 interventions per year. (Somebody, please prove my maths wrong!)

The HSE have stated that they have been running FFI for 12 months now, all up to sending out the invoices. However, now that this budget has been set, even if they are not going to hit it, it is reasonable to expect that HSE inspectors will be set targets and are likely to change from being proactive to escalating the levels of problems they see. This will hit both employers and equipment suppliers and will kill off the concept of reducing the health and safety burden on industry, as discussed in the [September newsletter](#).

I never knew there was so much useful information on the SSS website

During discussions on F gas use with one client, I was able to refer to guidance on the Useful Information page on the SSS website to determine what type of gas a refrigerant in an air conditioning system was. You have to search for ages to find this information elsewhere. The client did not realise how much useful information and guidance was available. Check it out on www.strategicsafety.co.uk/information.html.

So you want ISO 50001

We've released another paper in the "So you want" series. The latest is on ISO 50001 Energy Management Systems. Whilst some companies want ISO systems in order to "get the badge", the prime driver for implementing an energy management system (EnMS) that meets the requirements of ISO 50001 is the financial benefit from the reduced energy use. [Click here to see this paper.](#)

Fire safety audit data

In the period 2011-12, the Fire and Rescue services carried out audits and actions as follows:

- 82,000 fire safety audits
- 50% were satisfactory
- 25,000 informal notifications
- 3,300 enforcement notices
- 600 prohibition notices
- 95 alteration notices
- 68 prosecutions

Glad we checked the interlocks

During interlock checks on a Heidelberg Original Cylinder press and a Komori sheet fed press, one of our customers found that:

- The interlock on one of the Cylinder's guards did not work, and
- Two nips trips on the Komori did not work, due to a build-up of hard ink which prevented movement

This reinforces what we have always said that it is critical to periodically check guard and nip trip interlocks; it is scary how many companies don't do this and assume that they will keep on working.

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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