



### WELCOME to the Simmat & Associates Newsletter!

Your monthly update of current affairs and interesting information relevant to ISO9001, AS4801 and ISO14001.

## Simmat News

### Simmat Partners with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

Simmat & Associates are pleased to announce that they have secured a contract with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority for the provision of a Quality Manager. For four months, we will work with the AMSA to provide guidance and assist in the implementation of the recommendations of the Power Initiatives Report in order to maintain certification and the long term sustainability of the AMSA Management System.



### Simmat & Associates Sponsors 'Chain Reaction' - the Ultimate Corporate Bike Challenge

'Chain Reaction' is the 'ultimate corporate bike challenge' that raises money for sick children by challenging senior executives that have a passion for cycling and an awareness of their corporate and social responsibilities, to ride a 1,000 km plus ride in 7 days.



Simmat & Associates have sponsored Phil Tanner, General Manager of the Life, Safety & Risk Management Department at Westfield, a valued client, in this year's ride.

The aim is to raise in excess of \$800,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation and the Monash Children's Hospital. Both organisations are exceptionally worthy causes, with the Starlight Children's Foundation delivering innovative programs that restore the fun, laughter and joy to children that serious injury takes away, while the Monash Children's Hospital will use the funds raised by Chain Reaction to purchase an MRI incubator for its neonatal intensive care unit.

For more information, or to sponsor the 2011 events, please visit the Chain Reaction [website](#).

## Building Industry Shuns Carbon Tax

The Federal Government's decision to ignore the residential building industry in the carbon tax announcements has led the peak housing industry group to warn that the tax will damage suppliers and pass on costs to consumers\*.

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) says local building product makers will have a tough time trying to compete against imports from non-carbon dioxide taxing countries. HIA regional director, Robert Harding, said suppliers were being forced to include carbon tax clauses in their contracts and builders might have to do the same.



Big industry players have also weighed in on the debate. Brickwork, the country's largest brick maker, said the \$23 per tonne carbon tax would cost the company \$12.8M in earnings before interest and tax. It said it would try to fully recover those costs through product price increases of up to 6 per cent, but that it was also concerned the tax would lead to reduced building activity. Cement producer, Adelaide Brighton, said it would consider importing more of its material from offshore after revealing the tax could slash its net profit by about \$5M next year.

Housing Industry Association chief executive Graham Wolfe said this would have "painful and widespread repercussions" for prospective home owners. "Families buying a new home will now face additional building costs and higher mortgage repayments." Mr Wolfe said policies were needed to place new energy efficient housing within the reach of the average home buyer and incentives for homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient.

\* Housing Industry Association of Australia

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## Safety Management Systems Help Airlines Manage Risks

Fresh clouds of ash are again spewing from Chile's volcano chain, Puyehue-Cordon Caulle, and have grounded flights in Uruguay and Argentina. Whilst it is unlikely these new eruptions will cause problems in Australia, airlines will be using their safety management systems to determine any potential risks involved if a similar situation was to occur.



The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) kept a close eye on the chaos created in June to ensure airlines were following the correct procedures when making decisions on flights while the volcanic ash clouds passed\*.

Spokeswoman for Qantas, Olivia Wirth, said "We have taken a risk-averse approach. It is always safety before schedule".

CASA also worked closely with other government agencies including Airservices Australia and the Bureau of Meteorology.

"CASA is following appropriate international practices for the management of aviation during volcanic ash clouds by requiring each airline to use their approved safety management systems to determine which flights should go ahead," a spokesman said.

"Airlines are expected to plan flights to avoid areas of forecast volcanic ash and to avoid flying in actual areas of ash."

CASA and Airservices Australia are monitoring information from the Bureau of Meteorology to track the progress of the ash clouds from the Puyehue volcano.

Satellite imaging, laser analysis and pilot reports are being used to keep tabs on the high-altitude cloud.

\* Civil Aviation Safety Authority

## Training and Development

### Environmental Management Fundamentals

**When:** [Register your interest for upcoming dates](#)

**Where:** Frenchs Forest

**What:** This course covers basic terms, explanations, and clarity on some of the fundamental environmental management issues that we are now exposed to in business on a daily basis.

Walk away from this course with a good level of introductory exposure to cutting through the 'industry green wash', and with some clear objectives to exploring your environmental management needs in your own organisation.

**Price:** \$495 per person

### Quality Management Systems Course

**When:** [Register your interest for upcoming dates](#)

**Where:** Frenchs Forest

**What:** This course is your opportunity to get a basic or better understanding of Quality Management Systems. Our trainers will work with each participant in the group to answer questions about your specific management system and your industry while providing an insight into the requirements of ISO 9001.

**Price:** \$495 per person

### Legal Compliance Register

Our legal compliance register delivers relevant information on a range of applicable Legislation, Acts, Regulations and Codes of Practice saving you from having to trawl thousands of webpage's for the ones that are relevant to the industry.

Benefits:

- Quarterly updates of State and Commonwealth Legislation, Acts, Regulations and Codes of Practice;
- Summaries of how a requirement may apply on-site;
- Cost effective information tailored to the construction industry;
- Easy Ready Reference;
- Valuable content for your toolbox, and project meetings;
- Get the facts without the hassle;
- Requests for additional reviews included in the next issue; and
- Save time reviewing information.

[Contact us for further information on our legal compliance register](#)

**LET US KNOW WHAT TRAINING YOU NEED AND WE CAN ORGANISE A COURSE AROUND YOU**

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