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Greetings,

During this quarter, our team has been busy with developing new accredited courses, attending industry shows, conferences and exhibitions (OS+H Asia 2012 that was held on the 12- 14 Sept and Subsea ASIA 2012 in KL) and growing our UK operations. With the recruitment of several new staff in Singapore and UK (Aberdeen), we are preparing ourselves for our clients' requirements on both the consultancy and training sides of the group.

FMEA's remain an area of assurance that is generating industry interests. With the development of the KBA's FMEA software package - our FMEA team has been busy working with several clients on establishing 'tested' FMEA processes and supporting reports. See below for more information.

We are pleased to announce that we are the only training provider in Asia Pacific to deliver a comprehensive range of NEBOSH courses that covers various aspects from general workplace safety, fire safety, process safety, environmental and construction safety, and the majority of these courses are also available from our Aberdeen office now. In addition, we have attained approval from Workforce Development Agency (WDA) Singapore for SDF Training grant where Singapore companies are able to send their employees for training at a substantial subsidy.

The good news is that we are not seeing any industry 'slow down' and with a forecast for 2013, it's going to be

very busy. Companies and individuals are looking for relevant training and competency development programme for upgrading their skills and knowledge and to move up the career paths. With that, we have seen TOTAL Indonesia taken an initiative to send their approved diving contractors personnel for IMCA Diver Medic Technician training. We are looking forward for more diving contractors to be proactive in training their local personnel and develop their competence while looking ahead to help to close the skill shortage gap that is always discussed at IMCA meetings.

Have a great pleasure reading! Please feel free to contact us for more information.

Yours Sincerely,

Darren Brunton

Managing Director

KB Associates Group of Companies

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About Us

KB Associates Pte Ltd (KBA) specialises in providing consultancy services to the offshore oil and gas industries and onshore terminals construction industries.

KBA consists of a group of companies, each offering specialised services to synergistically fulfill the industry as a quality "One Stop" solution provider.

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Top News

1. KBA: Approved by Ministry of Defence UK as the List of Preferred Suppliers (PS) for our training courses

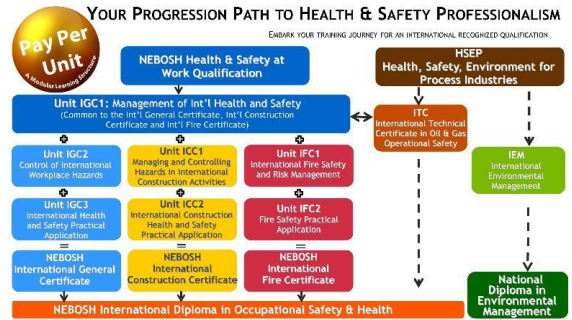
KB Associates (Europe) Ltd with the supporting training provider KBA Training Centre Pte Ltd has been approved by the Ministry of Defence UK (MOD) as the List of Preferred Suppliers (PS) for our training courses offered. This allows services leavers to attend a range of the courses offered by KBAT in UK and overseas when they are scheduled to leave the service. We will be announcing this with more details in a separate EDM very soon.

With five new members in the Group, we are now preparing ourselves for future developments. We are thrilled about our recent accreditation from Ministry of Manpower (MOM) for our Occupational First Aid training courses (see below for more information) and soon we will have more MOM approved courses in our portfolio; expanding our local (national) outreach to the industry even as our international development continue to grow. We have recently launched our third e-learning course that has been designed to provide competency based training for the use of decompression tables. In addition, our FMEA software package along with some new e-commerce development is setting a new standard for KBA and KBAT in the services provided to our clients.

2) KBAT: First Training Provider in Asia Pacific to deliver a comprehensive range of NEBOSH courses

Range of NEBOSH Courses Offered ~ Approved for SDF Training Grant

- NEBOSH Award in Health, Safety and Environment for Process Industry
- NEBOSH Certificate in Environmental Management
- NEBOSH Health & Safety at Work Qualification
- NEBOSH International Certificate Fire Safety and Risk Management
- NEBOSH International Certificate in Construction Health & Safety
- NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety
- NEBOSH International General Certificate (IGC) in Occupational Health & Safety
- NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil & Gas Operational Safety



OTHER Courses Approved for SDF Training Grant

- Occupational First Aid ~ Accredited by MOM
- IOSH Accident Investigation
- IOSH Managing Safely
- Working at Height ~ pending accreditation from MOM

Industry & Course Updates

1. Participated Event

a. NEBOSH Graduation & Awards Ceremony 2012

Organiser : NEBOSH

Date : 25 June 2012

Venue : University of Warwick

During a glorious day at Warwick University - the NEBOSH Graduation, we saw three KBAT students awarded with their International Diploma certificate. A fantastic achievement after months of hard work. One of our students Shakeel and our HSE Trainer ~ Nurul took a photo with Darren right before the NEBOSH graduation ceremony. You can imagine how excited both of them were from the smiles on their faces!



[From Left] Shakeel Ahmed, Darren Brunton and Nurul Asshekin Mustapha

KBAT was the proud sponsor of **The Award for the Best Candidate in the NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil & Gas Operational Safety** Darren presented the award to Mr. Mr Duncan Gow - Winner for this year. It was a day of great fun for the graduates as well as their families. We wished all the graduates all the best for their future endeavors.



[From Left] Mr. Duncan Gow (GCEO), Mr. John Birchall (Director WSH, KeppelLand) and Mr. Darren Brunton

b. Keppel Land Annual WSH event

Organiser : Keppel Land International

Date : 6 July 2012

Venue : HortPark, Multi-purpose Hall

KBA Group are honoured to be invited by Keppel Land International to participate in their annual WSH event **Annual Consultant and Contractor Health & Safety Meeting 2012** that was held on the 6 July 2012 at HortPark. This event is a milestone for Keppel which recognise and reward its Project staff, Contractors and Consultants who have achieved good WSH performances during the project tenure. We were glad to have our presence to witness another of Keppel Land's milestone and be part of this sharing session with industry leaders in health and safety.

c. The 8th Occupational Safety + Health Exhibition for ASIA 2012

This was our consecutive year participated in OS+H Asia 2012 which was held on the 12 - 14 Sept at Suntec Singapore. We were thrilled to see the overwhelming response at the exhibition and we saw more safety professionals having vast interest in training for themselves as well as for their team.

During the week, IOSH President Elect Mr. Gerard Hand along with the IOSH International Team from UK visited our training center. In the visit, Gerard gave some words of encouragement to our NEBOSH IGC class students that were on their course and additionally this class was also lucky to see NEBOSH International Manager, Mr. Stuart Naylor who was also present in the same week.



Photo-taking session at the WSH Conference - IOSH UK Team and IOSH Singapore Branch members

Concurrent events during the week were; Singapore WSH Conference 2012, Forum on Workplace Safety + Health and IPAF Asia Conference 2012.

2. Upcoming Participating Event

a. Come and visit KB Associates Booth [4705] at Subsea ASIA 2012 (3rd Asian Conference and Exhibition)

Date: 4 - 5 Oct 2012

Venue: Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre Exhibition Hall

Don't miss Subsea ASIA for the following -

- SUBSEA Asia 2012 is the most ideal platform to meet, discuss and acquire the latest information of the subsea industry.
- A great opportunity to meet up with renowned companies in the deepwater activities as well as the oil & gas industry under one roof!
- A place to be, to mingle and exchange business opinions with the industry experts around the Asian region!
- A networking hub, an excellent platform for visitors to source for the best solutions in the market.



Subsea ASIA 2012

b. Come and visit KB Associates Booth [BL6-01] at OSEA 2012 (The 19th International Oil & Gas Industry Exhibition and Conference)

Date: 27 - 30 Nov 2012

Venue: Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

OSEA is the Asian Oil & Gas event where industry professionals gather once every two years. The 19th edition will take place at a new venue in downtown Singapore at The Marina Bay Sands from 27 - 30 November 2012.



OSEA 2012

With an impressive display of oil & gas exploration and production innovations, OSEA is an ideal platform to meet new customers and partners. Buyers come from across Asia and beyond to source for new and improved equipment, products and applications. With the positive industry growth in the non-OECD Asian region, OSEA2012 is the key industry event to explore new leads, reinforce market presence and gain intelligence.

3. Safety Department NEWS

a. New Training Courses

i) [CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the workplace](#)



This course is designed to ensure that all employees are aware of their own safety and the safety of customers, contractors and the public. This qualification will benefit anyone in a work environment as it provides candidates with an understanding of health and safety that will enable them to contribute to any risk assessment based health and safety management system. [Click here for the flyer](#)

Successful candidates will be able to understand

- Health and safety requirements placed on employers and employees
- Hazard and risk and the main causes of harm to workers
- Health, safety and welfare provisions in the workplace
- The importance of following safe systems of work, procedures and rules
- Hazards and controls in respect to both safety and occupational health risks
- How their own actions can reduce risks to health and safety

ii) IOSH [Working at Height](#) ~ Pending MOM *Working at Height for supervisors accreditation*

The overall aim of this course is for candidates to acquire knowledge and practical skills to manage competently, the health and safety issues regarding "Work at Height" at their workplace. Ideal for designers, facilities managers, supervisors, employees and employers who have a responsibility for or are involved in work at height.



After gaining IOSH accreditation, we are now pending MOM accreditation for our Working At Height training. Our new dedicated W@H structures (now in compliance with MOM requirements) will enable the delegate to experience multi W@H activities. Next scheduled Working at Height course dates are 22 - 23 Oct, 15 - 16 Nov and 6 - 7 Dec 2012. [Click Here for the flyer](#)

iii) [NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety](#) - Schedule for Year 2013 out

Blended Learning - Unit C (22 - 26 Oct 2012 and examination on January 2013)

Blended Learning - Unit B (11 - 15 Mar 2013 and examination on July 2013)

Blended Learning - Unit A (8 - 12 Apr 2013 and examination on July 2013)

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

4. Diving Department NEWS

a. New Training Courses

i) [Understanding the Use of Decompression Tables ~ e-learning](#)



During the course, students will learn to understand and use decompression tables, understand the use of a Deck Decompression Chamber (DDC) during Surface decompression with Oxygen and identify decompression sickness and illnesses including the use of therapeutic treatment tables. This will be achieved with the use of animated examples, exercises and a final examination.

Benefits: Competency development and training. Providing training for divers and diving supervisors in the safe use of diving tables.

Who Should Attend: It is suitable for professionals in the diving industry, including commercial diving supervisors, commercial divers and recreational divers, and anyone interested in diving techniques and methods.

With E-learning, you can choose to study anytime, anywhere at your own pace. Introductory price for the 1st 50 delegates at \$288. (Normal course fee is S\$450). [Click here for the flyer](#) or [Sign up now](#).

ii) [Deck Decompression Chamber Operator Training](#)



The course will be conducted at our Hyperbaric Unit training centre using our certified twin-lock Deck Decompression Chamber (DDC). The course aims to provide the operators / diving personnel with the appropriate training to operate all compressed air deck diving decompression chambers as well as to provide them the certification upon course completion.

Benefits: Competency development and formal training leading to certification at the end of course. With the combination of theory and practical assessment, it builds up the confidence level of personnel.

Who Should Attend: Divers, supervisors, ALST's, or personnel holding a recognised diving industry qualification.

Upcoming scheduled dates are 28 - 30 Jan 2013 and 18 - 20 Mar 2013. [Click here for the flyer](#).

b) Courses Conducted during the past quarter

i) OGP Worksite Representatives Training in Singapore, 20 - 24 Aug and 24 - 28 Sept 2012

Here are some feedbacks we have from the delegates who have attended our course:

"Thanks you KBA - proven again that a competent trainer makes all the difference." ~ **Claassens**

"I enjoyed on the interesting content. Reinforced a lot of what I already have experience and highlighted new information" ~ **Michael Garner**

"I enjoyed most on the areas of coverage and the information gained" ~ **Venard Maniam**

"I enjoyed most about the exercise and the interactivity" ~ **Phil Wass**

"The facilities were very good - Lisa, front desk receptionist, the bus transport and the website" ~ **John Galloway**

Looking forward to understand the roles and responsibilities of a CSR as outlined by industry guidance documents issued by Oil & Gas Producers (OGP) and International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) as well as on the legislative requirements due to area of operation; check out our upcoming schedule on the 29 Oct - 02 Nov in Louisiana, USA. *These courses can be provided as an 'in-house' training program or open course, [contact us](#) for more details. [Click Here for the flyer](#)*



OGP Training on 20 - 24 Aug, Singapore

ii) LAUNCH and first schedule class for Occupational First Aid ~ Accredited by MOM Singapore



MOM Occupational First Aid 3-5 Sept 2012

We are pleased to announce our first training course for Occupational First Aid course on the 3 - 5 Sept 2012. We are glad that the delegates have learned valuable information and have equipped themselves with the knowledge to perform better in their workplace.

"The trainers are very knowledgeable, the visual presentation and the level of interactivity are very good. The refreshment is fantastic." Shaiful

Upcoming scheduled dates are 3 - 5 Oct, 17 - 19 Oct, 22 - 24 Oct, 7 - 9 Nov, 14 - 16 Nov, 21 - 23 Nov, 28 - 30 Nov. Register Now

[Click here for the flyer](#)

iii) Diver Medic Technician Course - Class Photos



KBAT, DMT, 13 - 24 Aug 2012

Diver Medic Technician ~ TOTAL Indonesia



KBAT, DMT, TOTAL Indonesia - 4- 13 Sept 2012

We were glad to have TOTAL Indonesia - a total of 12 delegates in Singapore to have their DMT training with us. Throughout the 10 days training, delegates were trained in different medics's emergency scenarios to enable them to react and respond quickly to real life situations. They were also taught on the pre hospital care medical procedures which will help to enhance their knowledge and put into practice.

Our newly recruited medic trainer, Mr. Razali Bin Ishak had effectively delivered the course in Berhasa Indonesia and we look forward for our next batch of delegates from TOTAL.

Upcoming scheduled dates are 12 - 23 Nov, 3 - 14 Dec 2012. Refresher Course: 29 Oct -2 Nov, 26 - 30 Nov. [Click here for the flyer](#)

DMT Refresher Course - Class photos



KBAT, DMTR, 9 - 13 Jul 2012



KBAT, DMTR, 27 - 31 Aug 2012



KBAT, DMTR, 24 - 28 Sep 2012

Training With Us

1. Upcoming KBAT courses: Oct, Nov and Dec 2012

A sneak preview for Oct, Nov and Dec schedule; for more information, please free feel to contact us.

COURSES	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
HEALTH & SAFETY : safetyadmin@kbassociates.org			
NEBOSH			
- NEBOSH Health & Safety at Work Qualification	01 - 03 Oct	19 - 21 Nov	
- NEBOSH International General Certificate in OSH			10 - 22 Dec
- Singapore			

Occupational First Aid ~ Accredited by MOM

17 - 19 Oct, 22
- 24 Oct

7 - 9 Nov, 14 -
16 Nov, 21 - 23
Nov, 28 - 30
Nov

2. Upcoming KB Access Training; Oct - Dec 2012 Schedule

COURSES	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
IRATA Rope Access Training (Level 1 - 3)	15 - 19 Oct, 29 Oct - 2 Nov	19 - 23 Nov, 26 - 30 Nov	10 - 14 Dec, 17 - 21 Dec
NSL			
- 2 Day Lifting Equipment Examiners	24 - 25 Oct	7 - 8 Nov, 14 - 15 Nov	5 - 6 Dec
- 3 Day Rigging and Lifting	24 - 26 Oct	7 - 9 Nov, 14 - 16Nov,	5 - 7Dec

* Received two certificates from NSL for attending 3 Day- Rigging and Lifting. [Contact us](#) now for more information.

KBA NoticeBoard

1. New Merchandise for SALE: Disastrous Decisions by Professor Andrew Hopkins

Disastrous Decisions
The Human and Organisational Causes
of the Gulf of Mexico Blowout
Andrew Hopkins



Disastrous Decisions: The Human and Organisational Causes of the Gulf of Mexico Blowout

Leading disaster analyst, Professor Andrew Hopkins, takes the reader into the realm of human and organisational factors that contributed to this disaster, going beyond all previous commentary on this topic. He acknowledges that it is important to know what people did, but even more important to know why they did it. Hopkins provides a sophisticated analysis of the accident that first identifies a series of critical defences that failed and then goes on to explain why they failed. *Disastrous Decisions: The Human and Organisational Causes of the Gulf of Mexico Blowout* is an essential reference for all work, health and safety professionals. [Click here to purchase](#)

2. Welcome New Staff Member on Board

We are happy to welcome new staff into KBA Group of Companies



Mike Kelly
Operational Technical Support

Mike has been working in the Marine & Offshore Industry since 1970 apprenticing as a diver tender in the Gulf of Mexico and moving on to the Asia Pacific, South America, West Africa, the UAE and the North Sea. Having worked with some of the Industries largest Diving and ROV Contractors as a diver, supervisor, operations manager and general manager, Mike brings a wealth of experience to the company. More recently, Mike has worked with one of the largest FPSO operating companies responsible for Shipyard & Fabrication yard audits. Mike has lived and worked out of Singapore for the past 30 years.



Hnin Nu Yin
Accounts Executive

Nu Yin has joined KBA Training as Account Executive. She has finished her BSc(Physics) in Myanmar, Diploma in Managerial Principal (UK) and is currently pursuing her ACCA and Dip IFRS (UK). She has previously worked three years in Ngwe Inzaly Audit Firm (Myanmar) as Account Assistant, five years in Creation (Myanmar) Co. Ltd (GIORDANO) as Senior Accountant, three years in Modern Montessori International as Accounts Officer and one year in Genesis Education Holding Pte Ltd as Accounts Executive. She now handles the full set of accounts for KBA Training Centre Pte Ltd.



Muchtar Karim
Sales Executive

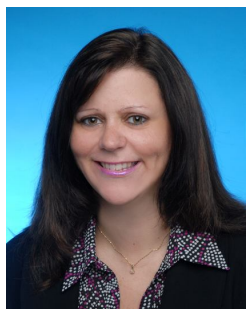
Muchtar is a highly accomplished sales and marketing professional with vast experience in direct selling and highly capable in the area of training and consultation.

He is also a qualified trainer and facilitator and holds a full advance certificate in training assessment (ACTA) certified qualification.



Razali Bin Ishak
Medic Trainer

Razali joined KBAT on September 2012, as a Medic Trainer. He found Combat Medic to be his calling and joined the Singapore Armed Forces from Year 2000 - 2010. Started off as a platoon medic, he was promoted to the appointment of Senior Medic and finally Senior Instructor in Singapore Armed Forces Medical Training Institute (SMTI) 2007 - 2010 before completing his service. Trained as a Combat Medic Specialist and Level 3 Paramedic. He was deployed for relief missions to places like Timor Leste and Nias



Laura Carle
Office / Training Administration Manager

Laura has joined KB Associates Europe as Office & Training Administration Manager. She has 25 years of experience working in a variety of industry sectors ranging from telecoms to subsea. She has spent 5 years working in London in fast paced environments and brings with her a wealth of knowledge in administration, organizing, communication and interpersonal skills. Laura previously worked at Subsea 7 for seven years as PA to Directors and latterly as a training coordinator.

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