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Jim's comment



It's a year since Lehman went belly-up and the world into its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression of 1929. It's been a challenging period for the world economy including, of course, Africa. The Institute has been very busy training, and new initiatives have been set in motion.

One of these initiatives is the new diploma in Inspection Technology, which we have launched in conjunction with several leading industry players. While many of our 'short' courses are recognised both locally and globally they are not recognised formally in the South African educational context. Because this diploma will be formally recognised, graduates will be able to improve their status at work. While the diploma has not yet been assessed in the context of the National Qualification Framework (NQF), we will make a submission to the Council on Higher Education within two years of the programme being fully established. Meanwhile, it's gratifying that some leading industry players have already indicated they will accept the diploma as though it were formally ratified.

Another is our serious campaign to train welding supervisors of which there is a serious dearth in this country. If we want to keep up with First World welding practices, we must ensure that our supervisory capabilities are on a par with the best. There is an urgent need for fabricators to set themselves apart by having the best trained people in their outfit and I urge them to make an effort to find out about the excellent supervisor training courses we run.

Many of you will have heard or read something about the new Pressure Equipment Regulations (PERs), which contain changes that will have a significant effect on all parties involved in the manufacture, repair, modification, and operation of pressurised equipment. While this is not the place to deal with the changes in detail (see inside), please be aware that there are many important revisions and look out for the workshops that we'll be running to help you get to grips with them.

Our ISO 3834 Welding Fabricators Scheme is progressing well and I'm pleased to report that with the certification of Group Five Oil and Gas for its Chevron Refinery operation in Cape Town, we have our first site-based company on the books! This brings to 12 the number of ISO 3834 accredited companies and I encourage all fabricators, big and small, to avail themselves of this opportunity as the benefits are many.

Finally, in conjunction with Lincoln Electric, we will soon have Duane Miller in this country to present a seminar on 'Designing Structural Steel Welded Connections for Severe Service'. Duane is a world authority on this subject and no doubt this is something not to be missed. It's at Gold Reef City on Thursday 12 November. See you there!

Jim Guild

