

Press release:

‘Heroes of safety’ Dekra Industrial scoop 7th consecutive NOSCAR safety award

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It is with great pride that Dekra Industrial SA announces their achievement of yet another prestigious NOSCAR safety award. The company has furthermore retained its place in the NOSA five-star system and the NOSA integrated five star system during the period under review.

The award, coveted globally by any company serious about business ethics and safety, is the highest ‘safety’ honour which can be bestowed on a business. This is particularly so for Dekra Industrial SA, a company which locally and globally epitomises safety, and as such, has always striven – as expressed in its taglines - to be *‘the heroes of safety’* and *‘the global partner for a safe world’*.

Dekra as an organisation has a 96-year industry track record - with a footprint in over 50 countries, across five continents, and is globally acknowledged as being expert in NDT, material testing, laboratory services, advanced NDT, asset integrity services and industry training. As part of the global parent company, Dekra Industrial in South Africa has played a major role in the fields of NDT and inspection locally - across a wide range of industry sectors - for 38 years.

For Dekra Industrial SA, the NOSCAR Safety Award represents far more than just an award: “Winning a renowned international safety award is one thing. However to be the recipient of this award for seven consecutive years, is an achievement which speaks volumes about who we are and what we aspire to as a company,” says Health Safety and Environment Manager, Carina Kleinhans.

“Our business intention has remained clear: to entrench a safer culture within and outside of the workplace, in line with our parent company Dekra’s globally-stated intention to be the market leaders by 2025: offering the highest quality non-destructive testing, inspection and advanced technology – coupled with the best service - to our clients, with safety as our key priority.”

“The NOSCAR award is bestowed on companies which demonstrate the very highest standard in safety compliance; and Dekra Industrial is proud to be included in these ranks,” Kleinhans remarks.

After a rigorous verification audit, eligible companies are required to meet stringent criteria which must be maintained for a period of three years in order to qualify for the NOSCAR Award. These include:

- Verification audit score of >95% for period of review
- Disabling Injury Frequency Rate (DIFR) of less than 0.8%
- No fatal accidents
- No diagnoses of an irreversible occupational health case
- No major environmental incidents

Categories that are audited annually include: leadership and worker participation; planning, support and operational; performance evaluation; improvement; safety; health; environmental; risk management; systems; compliance and effectiveness.

“Our sincere thanks and congratulations go to the passionate dedication and efforts of Carina and her HSE department – as well as the rest of our management and staff - for the effort they have invested in creating a safety culture within our company, and maintaining HSE compliance of such a high standard,” says Johan Gerber, Managing Director of Dekra Industrial.

“We are a company that is committed to improving safety in the workplace, at our clients’ sites, at home, on the road, and in every situation. In line with this ethos, we encourage every Dekra Industrial employee to continuously identify areas for improvement, manage our risks and constantly stay abreast of changes within the workplace,” Kleinhans advises.

The fact that we have achieved RD 0034-compliance (a nuclear safety compliance standard), and is also one of the few NDT companies locally to hold the ISO 45001 certification, is clear evidence of our ongoing quest for improvement. In addition, this 7th NOSCAR award proves once again that we ‘walk the talk’ to the ultimate safety and benefit of our valued staff and clients,” Kleinhans concludes.

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About Dekra Industrial and Dekra Institute of Learning

With 96 years in the industry through its global parent company, Dekra Industrial SA has established a formidable reputation as a leader in inspection services, non-destructive testing

(NDT), material testing, laboratory services, Advanced NDT, and asset integrity services, and offers industry training through Dekra Institute of Learning. With a group presence in more than 50 countries on five continents, Dekra Industrial RSA is committed to providing professional and innovative safety solutions across a multitude of industries, including power generation, oil and gas, construction, petrochemical, manufacturing, fabrication, pulp and paper, rail, mining, steel industry and foundries, within South Africa and pan-Africa.

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Dekra Institute of Learning is QCTO-accredited and delivers an internet learning service across all industries, in both public and private sectors, with training pitched to all levels of competency, focusing on HSE, ISO and CPD-aligned courses. Classroom-based and distance learning are also available.

Dekra Industrial strives to be recognised as the 'heroes of safety'.

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