

**Press release:**

***Talking and practising safety at work***

- ***Dekra Industrial celebrates World Day For Safety and Health at Work with employees around the country***

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Dekra Industrial recently celebrated the annual ‘*World Day for Safety and Health at Work*’ on 28 April, showcasing its commitment to employees around the country in entrenching a culture of safety.

Carina Kleinhans, Dekra Industrial’s Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Manager, explains: “This day is acknowledged internationally to promote occupational safety and the prevention of accidents and diseases. The focus for 2022 was ‘*enhancing social dialogue towards a culture of safety and health*’ and we set out to do just that, by arranging time for our employees around the country to attend presentations and hold their own conversations about safety, with great success.”

Kleinhans explains that different branches set out to acknowledge this important day in different ways: “I discussed this opportunity with the branch safety practitioners and asked each of them to plan it in a way that worked for their branch - with the overall goal of raising safety awareness among employees nationwide. Each branch then ensured that they took time out of their busy schedules to sit down and have these all-important safety conversations. Dekra-branded cupcakes and snacks, as well as gift bags, were also on the agenda!”

Kleinhans says employees are also aware of the important ripple effect of safety awareness at work. “Family units are dependent on those key members who are employed. If a person is injured at work, other family members are affected - and not just from a remuneration perspective. It is important to remind ourselves that our human lives are precious, and this celebration and commemoration in Dekra Industrial branches around the country of safety awareness and culture did just that.”

Managing Director of Dekra Industrial RSA, Johan Gerber, adds: “I commend the company’s managers, health and safety practitioners, and all our employees around the country, for this excellent initiative!

It was very heart-warming to see once again that at Dekra Industrial, we are all ‘*Heroes of Safety*’ - every day, and in every way – in our mindset and our actions. This is what builds a

successful and sustainable culture of safety within our company, for the ultimate benefit not only of our own team, but of our families and our clients too.”

**(388 words)**

### **About Dekra Industrial and Dekra Institute of Learning**

With 97 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 provides 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.

Dekra Industrial SA is a holistic, ‘one-stop’ services provider of NDT inspection, corrosion control with rope access, lifting and drone inspections, Dekra Industrial SA is Level 3 BBBEE-compliant, with 51 percent black woman ownership.

The company is also RD 0034-compliant, a nuclear safety compliance standard and is one of the few NDT companies locally to hold the ISO 45001 certification.

Dekra Institute of Learning is QCTO-accredited and delivers online learning 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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