



Confederation of Indian Industry



Revamping Safety Standards for Indian Industry

8 – 9 August 2017; ITC Sonar, Kolkata

Concept Note

The emphasis on international trade is growing day by day and with it comes the increased number of standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures. Safety is on high priority list for businesses which are aspiring to be global with the current emphasis of Make in India. The thrust on Make in India and the need to reap the demographic dividend makes it imperative for Indian industry to excel and expand both domestically and internationally. This brings us to the twin challenges of achieving global standards of excellence in quality and sustainability.

Whenever any business aspires to expand in the global arena or seek collaboration from global players for executing world class projects within the country, it has to align its systems, procedures and company standards with international best practices. Often, this poses a challenge to traditional ways of doing business and company standards particularly in the area of occupational safety and health.

Sustainable development in the country can only be made possible by imposing high-quality manufacturing standards to ensure safe products and processes while minimising environmental and ecological impact.

However, the creation of world class standards and adoption of best practices in manufacturing and services will prove futile unless all stake holders wake up to the need for effective implementation and a continuous process of improvement to keep pace with changes in technology and customer needs. Industry leaders and regulators need to take the lead, supported by all stakeholders and a vibrant industry-academia partnership.

The challenges to OHS are enormous. It is time that we need to relook at Indian Standards & Test Centres and where we stand regarding the global acceptance.

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Eastern Region has a dedicated Safety Taskforce which creates a platform for stakeholders to come together and chart out plans through various activities, policy work, training, assessment and recognition of excellence for responsible safety management to avoid hazardous incidents. All these initiatives will culminate to the 2-day flagship **Safety Symposium & Exposition on 8-9 August 2017** at ITC Sonar, Kolkata, where the members get the opportunity to interact with the safety professionals, thought leaders to learn the best practices. There would be opportunity for the participants to do business networking through dedicated B2B platform in the symposium.

The central theme of the conference is '**Revamping Safety Standards for Indian Industry**'.

The two day Symposium will deliberate upon:

- Responsible Safety Leadership – Safety Culture
- Standards & Practices: Bridging the Global Gap
- Fire & Electrical Safety
- Occupation Health & Safety in Mines
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Emerging Innovation & Technologies in Safety & Health