

## Success Stories from the WTIA SMART TechNet Project

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SUCCESS STORY NUMBER 4: OHS&R Management System – *Interest in the use of this WTIA Expert Technology Tool Management System ignites in the Hunter Valley coal mining industry.*

### The background

WTIA has created three management systems on CD-ROM – Total Welding Management, Occupational Health, Safety and Rehabilitation (OHS&R) and Welding Environmental Management. The interactive CD format is especially designed to help companies create or modify their own management system manuals quickly, effectively, professionally and inexpensively. The CDs lead the user through simple steps and assists them to edit and customise the Management System specific to the company's needs.

Small and Medium Enterprises, which may not have the time or finance to develop an in-house system, but are still bound by legal requirements for compliance in many areas such as OHS&R either due to government regulation or to contract requirements, will find this CD a real boon. This is equally true for fabrication and repair shops within larger organisations that need to properly manage their welding activities.

### OHS&R Management System

This software enables the user to quickly prepare a Welding OHS&R System manual. It includes a managers handbook, dozens of sample work procedures, work instructions, forms and records, and complies with AS/NZS 4804, Workcover Victoria's SafetyMAP and NSW Government's OHS&R Management System Guidelines.

### Networking in the Hunter Valley

In the Hunter Valley, NSW Mining and Maintenance Support Pty Ltd has modelled a recent review of their OHS&R system on the WTIA OHS&R Management System on CD-ROM. The WTIA system provided the benefit of a comprehensive framework to enable the revision to be completed easily and efficiently.

Mr Greg Clements, Managing Director of the company said "We spent two weeks with full time input from one of our senior managers and another senior person spending about half his time to completely revise and update our document. Without the assistance of the WTIA tool we would have taken much longer to complete the revision and tied up more resources."

The revised OHS&R document was submitted as part of the documentation to qualify as an approved supplier to the large coal mining group Coal and Allied Industries Ltd, a Rio Tinto Company. Use of the WTIA OHS&R Management System is expected to become more and more popular as other companies become aware of the easy-to-use system and its benefits. Already a number of companies have approached MMS and the WTIA for assistance to implement a similar system for their businesses.



### The benefits to industry

- Time saving to Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
- Reduces reliance on in-house expertise
- Implementation of a Management System improves a company's competitiveness
- Ensures compliance with duty of care and regulatory requirements
- Improves business performance in a region or industry sector