

PRESS RELEASE

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## Impac becomes first training provider in the Southern Hemisphere to achieve accreditation for NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health

Impac, New Zealand's leading provider of risk and safety management solutions, today announced that it has achieved accreditation by NEBOSH to deliver the prestigious International Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health. It becomes the first provider in the Southern hemisphere to achieve this status and builds on Impac's success in launching the International Certificate into New Zealand in 2008.

Mike Cosman, Managing Director, Impac said, *"This is a huge milestone in offering practitioners working in these challenging fields a real alternative way of achieving a globally recognised, degree-level, professional qualification in New Zealand without years of private study."*

The Diploma course comprises 6 weeks of intensive tuition coupled with an equivalent amount of off-course work and an 8000 word dissertation. Passing the Diploma is one way of achieving recognition as a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), the largest professional body in the world for OSH specialists. All of the Impac staff involved in delivering the Diploma course have extensive practical experience and provide an international best practice perspective on the issues and challenges facing today's safety practitioners.

NEBOSH is the leading qualification issuing body in the world for health, safety, risk and environmental specialists with over 30,000 candidates a year sitting its exams. The Diploma course is their highest qualification, having been independently assessed at Honours Degree level.

Mike Cosman added, *"At a time when business leaders and Ministers are demanding higher standards of health and safety in our workplaces to address our current poor performance, engaging someone with a higher level qualification is essential to ensure the advice you receive is of the highest standard, relevant and up to date. A move towards recognised professional standards in OHS is something the Department of Labour and industry have been calling for for some time. At long last this is now within the reach of most people and can be readily accommodated alongside other work commitments thanks to the innovative way we are scheduling the course."*

Alan Clifford, Senior Trainer, Impac said, *"We are launching the course in New Zealand but see real opportunities to take it overseas or to bring candidates in from Australia and beyond. As an international qualification it is particularly of interest to global companies and those in high risk industries such as mining or oil and gas."*

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## Notes for Editors:

NEBOSH (The National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health) was formed in 1979 as an independent examining board and awarding body with charitable status. It offer a comprehensive range of globally-recognised, vocationally-related qualifications designed to meet the health, safety, environmental and risk management needs of all places of work in both the private and public sectors.

Courses leading to NEBOSH qualifications attract around 30,000 candidates annually and are offered by over 400 course providers in 80 countries around the world. Its qualifications are recognised by relevant professional membership bodies including the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM) the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and the New Zealand Institute of Safety Management (NZISM).

Impac Services Ltd is a wholly New Zealand owned company that has been in existence for over 10 years offering a wide range of training, consulting, auditing and IT solutions to its clients. It is also accredited by NZQA and IOSH.

Impac became the first provider to offer the International Certificate course in New Zealand in 2008 and has established it as the 'must have' qualification for those seeking to build a career in safety roles. Approximately 150 candidates have so far completed the Impac Certificate course with further courses running over the next few months. Up to now those wishing to get a higher level qualification have had to undertake years of study through extra mural courses at University or undertake distance learning. Completion of the Certificate course or equivalent is a pre-condition of registration for the Diploma.

The first Diploma course will run in Auckland from October 2010. The face to face elements are taught for one week per month over 6 months with exams in January and July.

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