

## **Arc Energy Scores a Hit with OHSAS 18001 Certification**

**Weld overlay cladding and fabrication specialist Arc Energy Resources has added to its impressive list of industry certifications following a successful audit by Lloyds Register for OHSAS 18001:2007 certification of a new occupational health & safety management system developed and implemented by the company.**

Managing director Alan Robinson says achieving the standard required a cultural change within the business and a significant commitment from all personnel in terms of attitudes and values. In return he believes it will raise working efficiencies, performance and morale by creating a safer environment in which to work, with the added benefit of broadening future business opportunities within the oil & gas, nuclear and renewable energy industries.

"By providing a framework for managing health and safety responsibilities we are protecting our most important asset – our employees," He says, adding that it also demonstrates good governance and provides regulatory compliance for customers who increasingly regard it as a pre-requisite when companies are tendering for contracts.

Arc Energy's other accreditations include ISO 9001: Quality Management System; ISO 3834-2: Welding Management System; ISO 14001: Environment Management System; IIP: Investors in People and certification of ASME U & R Stamps by the internationally renowned ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Certification organisation for the design, construction, inspection and testing of pressure vessels, nuclear plant and boilers.

The company's extensive list of quality, engineering and management qualifications, come as no surprise, as managing director Alan Robinson is himself one of very few UK registered European Welding Engineers, has a Masters degree in welding, is a Chartered Engineer, a European Engineer and a senior member of the Welding Institute.

The certification follows a placement in the top six of UK companies in the Manufacturing, Logistics and Transport category of the inaugural St John Ambulance First Aid in the Workplace Awards in November 2011.

Commenting, Alan says: "The accreditations reflect the company's commitment to quality in every aspect of the business and reinforce our capability to support clients with highly qualified and experienced welding staff."

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### **About Arc Energy Resources:**

Arc Energy Resources is one of the UK's leading specialists in weld overlay cladding and fabrication for the oil & gas industry. The company's expertise provides protection against corrosion and wear for a variety of process and pipeline equipment for use in any hostile environment.

The company recently made a major investment in two new Rotating Head welding machines costing £500,000. This has increased productivity and extended the size and scope of work it can handle, which now includes complicated component geometries for the full or partial cladding and fabrication of a huge range of component sizes weighing up to 15 tonnes. The company's in-house designed cladding workstations feature state-of-the-art control systems developed to suit its customer's specialised engineering requirements, and can clad bores up to four metres diameter and areas of restricted access within bores as small as 20mm diameter. Arc Energy also offers in-house test weld, heat treatment, PMI and NDT facilities.

Industry certifications include ISO 9001:2008 quality management, ISO 3834-2 fusion welding of metallic materials, and the internationally renowned ASME U and R Stamps, as well as ISO 14001:2004 environment management, Investors in People and OHSAS 18001:2007 Health & Safety management system.