

Hitachi Australia obtains Integrated Management System (IMS) Certification:

May 2008, Hitachi Australia Pty Ltd (HAUL) obtained certification to Environment Management System (EMS) in line with ISO 14001 and Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems (OSH) in line with AS/NZS 4801. These systems compliment our Quality Management System (QMS), which HAUL has been certified to for many years in line with ISO 9001.

In the process we were able to successfully integrate all the three system due to the various common elements between them. They now combine to represent our Integrated Management System (IMS).

In simple terms, the purpose of the three systems is as follows:

QMS: Customer Satisfaction & Continuous Improvement

EMS: To identify and manage environmental risks associated with ones business

OHS: To identify and manage occupational, health & safety hazard associated with ones business.

The decision to implement IMS was made to demonstrate our commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities within Australia. Implementing these systems also greatly compliment the activities of our Power & Industrial Equipment Group.

Yutaka Sugihara, Managing Director of HAUL, says, "I am very proud to announce that we now join an elite group of companies in the region who have successfully implemented an IMS. I am also proud of my team that has worked hard to achieve this status and provide a platform for further growth and excellence. We do recognise that achieving this status is not our goal but the start of our journey to excellence. *IMS is an expression of our commitment to our customers, our staff and the community at large.*"