

AG&P celebrates record safety and quality achievements

MANILA, Philippines, December, 2015 – [The Atlantic Gulf & Pacific Company](#) (AG&P), a modular industrial solutions provider based in the Philippines, celebrates its high-quality systems and product safety standards, achieving milestone certifications on two major international HSE management system standards, and ending 2015 with a new safety record achievement at 31.7 million man-hours with no lost-time incidents.

At the close of 2015, AG&P achieved certification for a fourth time from the American Society of Mechanical Engineer (ASME) for ‘U’ and ‘S’ stamps authorization in recognition of its high quality systems and product safety standards. AG&P achieved its first ASME certification in 2007 and was re-certified in 2010 and 2012. In addition, AG&P was again granted to use the ‘R’ Symbol Stamp (Certificate of Authorization) by National Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessel Inspectors for the repair and/or alteration of pressure-retaining items.

Established in 1914, the ASME certification is widely recognised as a hallmark for industry best-practice, providing the highest level of confidence in the technical integrity of awardees.

“I salute the AG&P team for upholding our legacy of safety and quality,” said AG&P Chairman Jose P. Leviste Jr. “The ASME certification is highly coveted by leading fabricators around the world but achieved by a very few. Our success is because of the commitment and passion AG&P employees bring to work every day. It is very rewarding to see the world-leading results,” said Mr. Leviste.

The AG&P ASME certification covered shop construction and field assembly of power boilers, pressure vessels, boiler external piping in accordance with ASME Section 1 (Power Boilers), ASME SECTION VIII DIV.1 (Pressure Vessels) and ASME B31.1. The joint review team from ASME and HSB Global Standards conducted the two-day assessment and recommended AG&P’s certification to ASME and the National Board Inspection Code (NBIC) that provides standards for the installation, inspection and repair and/or alteration of boilers and pressure vessels.

Following this success, AG&P was recommended for re-certification of its occupational health and safety systems, and simultaneously demonstrated successful maintenance of its environmental management systems. The Facility and Operations audit was conducted by TUV SUD Philippines in January, focussing on steel fabrication, provision of engineering design, modular construction, industrial repair and non-destructive testing. As a result, AG&P was recommended for “Certificate Maintenance and Issuance” for ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 Certification, respectively. These standards include provisions for hazard identification, risk assessment, incident investigation, emergency preparedness and response and continual improvement.

“The success of the audit has proven our company’s proactive and continued commitment to providing world-class health, safety and environment (HSE) management in our workplace, and responsibility and care for adjacent communities,” said AG&P President Albert Altura. “The achievement requires alignment of systems, policies and procedures across our company divisions. ISO Certification for HSE is not common in the Philippine’s construction industry; but as a globally competitive company, we pride ourselves in obtaining and maintaining these standards,” said AG&P President Albert Altura.

These certifications demonstrate the unique strength of AG&P’s integrated management system in successfully identifying and assessing the health, safety and environmental impacts of its activities and products while maintaining on-going monitoring and continual improvement of all systems and processes.

AG&P’s commitment to safety is further enhanced by the industry-wide record of 31.7 million man-hours with no lost-time incident achieved as of December 31, 2015. Building on its 115-year history, these recent safety achievements demonstrate the company’s continued evolution, setting it apart from global competitors in the oil and gas industry, and in the construction industry, in general.

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