SAFETY SYSTEMS IN PROCESS AUTOMATION SEMINAR

HIMA Australia’s first ever seminar dedicated to safety systems in process automation

On 29 April 2011, HIMA Australia, for the first time, delivered a three hour seminar dedicated to increasing industry knowledge and awareness of safety systems in process automation. The seminar commenced at two in the afternoon at the Parmelia Hilton Perth Hotel and concluded with refreshments and nibbles at Adelphi Steakhouse & Bar.

HIMA Australia’s Managing Director Brian Mulcahy kick-started the seminar with a presentation on how optimising the level of risk is key to ensuring an efficient and safe operation. Gordon Lumsden, Functional Safety Consultant, then spoke about how the functional safety lifecycle provides organisations and personnel with a step-by-step approach based on the best engineering practices that result in optimal safety.

Midway through the seminar, the attendees were invited to take a break and enjoy a delicious spread of coffee and cakes. This gave participants the opportunity to mingle amongst industry peers potentially gaining new contacts. Attendees were also able to inspect the HIMax and HIMatrix systems spoken about during the presentations.

After the attendees had their share of danishes, croissants and muffins, Greg Macham, National Sales Manager, pressed on with a presentation about considerations for selecting a safety instrumented system. Later, Luke Lau, Business Development Manager, concluded the seminar with case studies and questions from the audience.

Over thirty attendees left the seminar with a greater understanding of how safety systems and applications help end users make the right choice during the design phase, as well as through the entire system lifecycle.

An overwhelming amount of positive feedback from the attendees was received with one participant commenting that the seminar "provided a good overview of how safety systems are put together” and another saying that it was a “very informative seminar”.

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Following this feedback, HIMA Australia has made the decision to take the seminar on the road allowing industry professionals to hear from our experts highlighting industry standards and best practices, as well as real business drivers affecting the bottom line.

Future dates and locations will be posted on the website.

**About HIMA**

HIMA is the world’s leading designer and manufacturer of automated safety solutions in the process industry.

HIMA solutions can be found in more than 80 countries around the world, protecting people and keeping plants, factories and buildings operating safely and without interruption.

What distinguishes HIMA solutions from the rest is the combination of maximum safety and maximum availability. Through permanent safe and uninterrupted operation, HIMA’s clients are able to achieve their business goals. HIMA solutions are based on practical and focused safety consultation, broad application experience, a comprehensive product range and the ability to successfully integrate safety solutions into almost any automation environment.

All HIMA systems and solutions comply with the latest international and local safety standards such as IEC/AS 61508 and IEC/AS 61511, EN 954, EN ISO 13849 and are suitable for SIL 3 and even SIL 4, Cat. 4 and PL e applications.

Further information about HIMA can be found online at [www.hima.com.au](http://www.hima.com.au).

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