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WA companies join leaders in quality fabrication

New companies have successfully achieved certification to the International Institute of Welding (IIW) Manufacturer Certification Scheme (MCS) for the Management of Quality in Welded Fabrication and AS/NZS ISO 3834:2008 *Quality requirements for fusion welding of metallic materials*. This brings the total in Australia to nine, with many more working towards the audit.

The CCR Group and Kerr Engineering recently completed the audit requirements, and were presented with their certificates by WTIA Executive Director Chris Smallbone, and Qualification and Certification Manager, Richard Fowles. WTIA is the IIW Authorised National Body for Company Certification in Australia, and manages all certification and re-certification requirements for industry here.

CCR Group is an established Industrial Service Provider supporting the mining and industrial sectors in Western Australia. Services include fabrication and construction, stainless steel and aluminium repairs and fabrication, plant maintenance and shut downs, equipment repairs, laser alignment, equipment hire and surface treatment.

Kerr Engineering specialises in all forms of metal work, fabrication and machining and caters to all general and extra-ordinary engineering requirements for many local and interstate businesses ranging from small to multi-national corporations.

While in WA, Mr Smallbone also presented HWE Maintenance Services' Bayswater workshop with their WTIA IIW certificates following an annual surveillance audit. The company offers specialist maintenance services to the mining industry and has operations in Newman and Karratha.

The WTIA is committed to supporting industry in the provision of safe quality welded products and components for use in Australian plant and equipment and for the continual improvement in the supply of welded products.

Mr Smallbone said "We work with industry to improve their competitiveness for overseas contracts and to keep work for local projects in Australia. This commitment generates benefits for both purchasers and their suppliers and for Australia as a whole. The requirement for the nomination of a Responsible Welding Coordinator is also building career structures within companies' Welding Coordination Teams and thus contributing to the positive image of welding with our young people."

A growing number of leading purchasers are now specifying that suppliers of welding, manufacturing, fabrication, construction, repair and maintenance services, both locally and globally, should comply with the appropriate part of ISO 3834 and ISO 14731:2006 *Welding coordination - Tasks and responsibilities*. This in turn leads to greater productivity and efficiency of the supplier, whether an SME workshop or major company.

Australian companies will benefit immensely through the achievement of certification, with increased ability to benchmark and prove their capabilities at national and international levels and thus not only compete for local project work against overseas competitors but also export those capabilities overseas.



CCR Group personnel receive company certification to the IIW MCS and ISO 3834. From right Tony Prospero, Kingsley Smith and Craig Gray CCR Group, Chris Smallbone WTIA, George Scallan, General Manager and Rod Flinn of CCR Group and Richard Fowles, WTIA Q&C Manager. Missing from the photo is Sean Castafaro, Safety & Quality Manager.



Kerr Engineering personnel receive company certification to the IIW MCS and ISO 3834. From left Mark Kinsman, Managing Director, Mitchell May, Karen Ford and Jarrod Collings of Kerr Engineering and right Chris Smallbone WTIA Executive Director



HWE Maintenance Services Bayswater workshop staff watch Stewart Delgano, QA Manager (holding certificate left) and Ian Massara, Director receiving their certificates from Chris Smallbone, WTIA Executive Director and Richard Fowles, WTIA Q&C Manager far left.