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Another WA company joins leaders in quality fabrication

Located in the heart of the Naval Base heavy industrial area, close to Perth and easily accessible to the Kwinana strip, GF Engineering recognises the many benefits of certification by WTIA to the International Institute of Welding (IIW) Manufacturer Certification Scheme (MCS) According to ISO 3834. This scheme certifies companies in the management of quality in welded fabrication to AS/NZS ISO 3834:2008 *Quality requirements for fusion welding of metallic materials*.

When asked why he chose WTIA certification to this international scheme, Mr Dan Horton, General Manager for GF Engineering pointed out that “while other pathways may be available, our company wanted the assurance of dealing with the only organisation in Australia accredited by the IIW and its 54 member countries. The professional approach of the WTIA, and its world-wide credibility, will enhance our competitive dealings with both local and international clients”.

GF Engineering specialises in providing cost effective and timely engineering services to the construction, mining, oil and gas industries and manufactures and maintains a wide variety of pipe spooling systems, pressure vessels and structural steel items.

Dan went on to say the “our major clients such as CBI Constructors, Woodside, Worley Parsons, Water Corporation and Verve Energy demand excellence from their suppliers, and we are proud to not only meet their expectations, but to back this up with top-class internationally benchmarked certification through WTIA. GF Engineering is a company infused with vitality, flexibility and enthusiasm while providing high quality timely product to our clients’ specifications”.

The company joins a rapidly growing list of companies in Australia certified by WTIA to the IIW MCS ISO3834. In WA alone, compliant companies include:

- CCR Group,
- UGL Resources Kwinana Facility,
- Transfield Services Resources and Energy Kwinana Regional Service Centre,
- BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd,
- Kerr Engineering (WA) Pty Ltd,
- Monadelphous Engineering Associates Pty Ltd,
- HWE Maintenance Services Pty Ltd, and now
- GF Engineering

Plant owners, operators and purchasers around the country are now requiring their contractors and their own workshops to comply with AS/NZS ISO 3834 and recommend the IIW MCS ISO3834 certification delivered by WTIA as the best and most established internationally recognised scheme. The flow-on affect, for both small fabricators and large suppliers, is quite considerable and generating excellent productivity and quality improvements as well as competitive advantage for companies and workshops of all sizes.

While speaking at WTIA Manufacturers Forums held in Perth and Bunbury WA recently, WTIA Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Smallbone said that “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.

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 (RWC) within a certified company is also building career structures within companies’ Welding Coordination Teams (WCTs) and thus contributing to the positive image of welding with our young people.”



Dan Horton, GF Engineering General Manager (right) and Brodie Logan, Project Manager with the certificate and schedule for company certification to IIW MCS ISO 3834 presented recently by WTIA Qualification and Certification Manager, Richard Fowles.