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KBA Solutions

Your One Stop Solution Provider

**Diving, ROV and Marine Consultancy, Rope Access Training,
International Health & Safety Training and Consultancy**

Providing you a service of quality, professionalism and independence

Greetings,

In this 2nd Quarter, KBA have been continuously busy the last few months which has been related to the status of the diving industry and projects commencing in Asia and Europe. It is a time when various NEW build DSV's are coming to the final stages of commissioning and ready to enter the industry, this is an interesting time for us all involved with offshore diving operations.

We are pleased to share with you more training developments with regards 'NEW' and exciting locations. Our launch of the IOSH Incident / Accident Investigation course of 2 days has been very popular. We have expanded our training services internationally for both the Diving and Health & Safety division; where we have recently conducted IMCA Bell Diving Supervisor in New Delhi - India, followed by other upcoming suite of IMCA courses. Soon, we are launching our first NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil & Gas Operational Safety at a brand new location - Lake Charles, USA on the 20-24 June 2011.

Don't Miss it! Look out for our Career Paths "**Your Path to Health & Safety Professionalism**" and "**Your Path to Diving Professionalism**"! Both are specifically tailored to individuals who intend to excel in the H&S and Diving industry respectively. In conjunction, we have extended our "Loyalty Programme and Refer-A-Friend" programme till **end of this year** to allow our esteem and regular customers and clients to enjoy the discounts. Plan your schedule and Embark your training journey with us now!

KBAT has signed an agreement with Kelvin TOP-SET, the leading consultancy teaching incident and accident investigations; KBAT will be working with Kelvin TOP-SET to provide TOPSET courses in the Asia Pacific region.

What is more exciting is that there are two upcoming new courses that you have been waiting for - these will be announced in a separate e-news very soon. So watch out for this and be ready to register

as places will fill up quickly.

Have a great pleasure reading! Please feel free to contact us for more information.

Yours Sincerely,

Darren Brunton

Managing Director

KB Associates Group of Companies

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About Us

KB Associates Pte Ltd (KBA) specialises in providing consultancy services to the offshore oil and gas industries and onshore terminals construction industries.

KBA consists of a group of companies, each offering specialised services to synergistically fulfill the industry as a quality "One Stop" solution provider.

Group of Companies

[KB Associates Pte Ltd](#)

[KBA Training Centre Pte Ltd](#)

[KBA Marine Services Pte Ltd](#)

[KBA Engineering Pte Ltd](#)

[KB Access Pte Ltd](#)

[KB Associates \(Europe\) Ltd](#)

Top News

1. KBA audit their second state of the art 'NEW' PLC Air and Saturation diving systems

KBA were contracted by DRAGER to conduct the commissioning audit of the air and saturation diving systems onboard the Seven Havila - the audit process was carried out during March/ April and May. The vessel owner has already won awards for the ships design and where the air and saturation system are DNV 'Classed' they each take commercial offshore diving into the future with regards supervisory management and controls, as well as the ergonomics and working / living conditions for the divers.

2) KB Associates complete their 3rd contracted FMEA / FMECA and have designed a dedicated FMECA data system

KB Associates Pte Ltd have now completed the 3rd FMEA process for one of our regular clients, two on new build 300 msw saturation diving systems and one on a modified and upgraded system. It is excellent to see some clients taking this process seriously by considering the usefulness of the process and the deliverable. Another client has asked us to transfer their current FMEA and expand it to incorporate the FMECA. The FMECA takes the process a stage further by looking at the expectation for breakdowns that will allow forecasting of spares required, breakdown anticipation and informed decision making on equipment redundancy as a cost as well as safety tool. As such the FMEA and FMECA are valuable tools in a diving systems safety management documentation package. Maintaining the status of these documents as 'LIVE' ensures relevant and factual information is available as a key safety and project management tool that ensures safe and continuous diving system operations are conducted.

KB Associates Pte Ltd have now created an FMECA data / reporting system and we foresee that as more clients realise the importance of maintaining such documentation the format of the FMECA will soon become a recognised standard within the industry

3) KBA Training - Embark on Your Learning Journey with KBAT and enjoy great discount!
(Promotion Extends to Year End ~ 31 Dec 2011)

"Your Path to Health & Safety Professionalism" and "Your Path to Diving Professionalism" are specifically tailored to individuals who intend to excel in the H&S and Diving industry respectively. What's more, our "Loyalty Programme and Refer-A-Friend" programme is a special bonus to reward our esteem and regular customers and clients.



YOUR PATH TO HEALTH & SAFETY PROFESSIONALISM

EMBARC YOUR TRAINING JOURNEY WITH US NOW AND ENJOY ATTRACTIVE DISCOUNTS

<p>NEBOSH Health & Safety at Work Qualification</p>	<p>NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Safety & Health</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">*TechIOSH : Level 3 accredited H&S qualification + 5 years H&S experience</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Study modes available – Full time / Distance Learning / E-Learning</p>	<p>NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Safety & Health</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">*GradIOSH : Level 6 accredited H&S qualification</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">*CMIOSH : GradIOSH + IPD Assessment + 2 years CPD + Professional Peer Review</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Study modes available – Block Release / Distance Learning / Blended Learning</p>
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LOYALTY PROGRAM

Enjoy Discounts for your next course



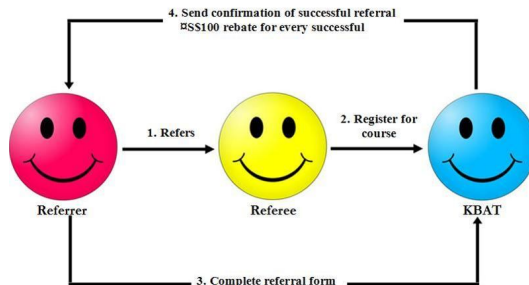
5% Discount for second course
 10% Discount for third & subsequent courses

[Click Here](#) for Loyalty Programme T&Cs

REFER-A-FRIEND

Enjoy more discounts!

How "Refer A Friend" Works?



[Click Here](#) for Refer-A-Friend T&Cs

YOUR PATH TO DIVING PROFESSIONALISM

EMBARK YOUR TRAINING JOURNEY WITH US NOW AND ENJOY ATTRACTIVE DISC

Life Support
Technician



Trainee Air Diving
Supervisor



Trainee Bell Diving
Supervisor



Kirby Morgan Hat
Technician



Diver Med
Technician



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4) KBAT's Partnership with KELVIN TOP-SET

KBAT has signed an agreement with Kelvin TOP-SET, the leading consultancy teaching incident and accident investigations; KBAT will be working with Kelvin TOP-SET to provide TOPSET courses in the Asia Pacific region.

"Kelvin TOP-SET have worked extensively in Asia over many years and are now delighted to partner with KBAT in order to give us an important local presence. We look forward to a productive association," said Lorna Ramsay, Director of Kelvin TOP-SET, when she was recently in Singapore.

Look out for the upcoming courses that KBAT will offer!

Industry & Course Updates

1) Oil & Gas executive forecast investment opportunities following volatile year

'Deep Water ahead' The outlook for the oil and gas industry in 2011' has been published by the Economist Intelligence Unit, UK. Surveyed for the reports are optimistic that 2011 will be a key turning point for industry growth, thanks to a period of relative price stability, particularly in the fast-growth economies in Asia, despite concerns over tougher industry regulation and increased operating costs.

Key findings from the research, include

- Industry investment plans remain on track
- Natural gas has gained widespread credibility as a relatively low-carbon "transition fuel".
- Companies expect regulatory change in the wake of the Gulf of Mexico disaster - but its precise impact is less clear. The longer term impact on companies' operational strategy will be that their safety record will become a more important factor in gaining access to global reserves.

Tony McAuley, managing director, Energy, at the Economist Intelligence Unit, said: "Our survey shows that companies are prepared to invest for the future, and meet new safety and environmental standards."

Source: Source: UCI Magazine (Underwater Contractor International) - March/April Issue 2011, Page 6

[Click Here](#) for the article.

2) Participated Event - KBA Training exhibited at the IADC Drilling HSE Conference & Exhibition

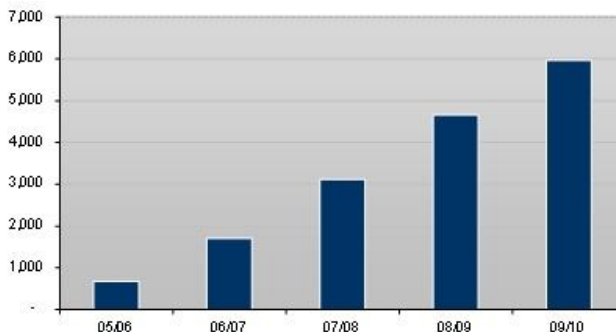
IADC Drilling HSE Asia Pacific 2011 Conference & Exhibition - "Keeping it Simple - Back to Basics in Safety" was held on 23 - 24 March 2011, at Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Center SINGAPORE. This conference discussed the basics of risk assessment, management systems, training and competency where key industry leaders had shared their operational challenges and approaches to sustain sound HSE results working in a multi-cultural environment.



3) NEBOSH News - Statistics on NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Safety & Health

(Source: Presentation by NEBOSH during NEBOSH International Course Providers' Meeting held in Dubai on January 2011)

A. NEBOSH IGC - Candidate Number



From the chart, we can see a gradual increase of candidates taking up NEBOSH IGC course from Year 05/06 to Year 09/10. This has reflected the increasing demand of Occupational Safety and Health and implicit the importance of safety and health in the workplace.

B. TOP 10 Countries for NEBOSH IGC Course (2009)

- 1st - UAE,
- 2nd - India
- 3rd - Trinidad
- 4th - Qatar, 5th - Nigeria,
- 6th - South Africa, 7th - Singapore
- 8th - Malaysia, 9th - Bahrain,
- 10th - Oman

Out of 105 countries, Singapore is Rank 7 in the study; this indicates the increasing level and concern of Health & Safety issues in Singapore as well as the international recognition of NEBOSH certifications.

Don't get left behind! Gain an International Safety Qualification and expand your horizons with KBAT now! With a passing rate of 89 - 100%, be assured that you are in good hands of our full time trainers with global experience!

4) KBAT's NEBOSH Summary - Various Modes of Study

NEBOSH Courses	Full Time	Distance	Blended	E-learning
A) Int'l General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health	✓	✓	-	✓
B) Int'l Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health	✓	✓	✓	-
C) Int'l Technical Certificate in Oil & Gas Operational Safety	✓	✓	-	<i>Upcoming Soon</i>

A) NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health

	Singapore	Perth, Australia
Date	06 Jun - 18 Jun 2011	3 - 15 Oct 2011
Venue	KBA Training Centre Pte Ltd	TBC
Course Fee	S\$4,027	AUD 4,550.00

* Inclusive of NEBOSH exam fee, 7% GST, coffee breaks and all course materials.

Now Available in three modes of study (Full Time / Distance Learning / E-Learning)

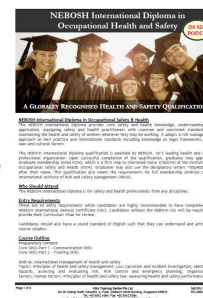
E-learning is an interactive online learning - trainer support with flexible and easy accessible learning solutions. Our customised content has been carefully developed and designed to guarantee an interactive and effective e-learning experience. Click [Here](#) for the flyer.

B) NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health

Now available in three modes of study (Full Time, Distance, Blended Learning)

Blended and Distance Learning Programme is a flexible approach with reduced classroom tuition designed to suit the busy schedule of professionals but at the same time ensure the individuals' standards of this high level academic qualification.

Click [Here](#) for our New Flyer - indicating the schedule for all three modes of study.



C) NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil & Gas Operational Safety

	Singapore	Perth, Australia	Aberdeen, UK	Lake Charles, USA
Date	25 - 29 July 2011	01 - 05 Aug 2011	06 - 10 Jun 2011	20 - 24 Jun 2011
Venue	KBA Training Centre	TBC	Jurys Inn Hotel	SPRINGHILL Suites by Mar
Course Fee	S\$2,354	AUD\$2,750	£ 990 + VAT	US\$2,500

*Inclusive of NEBOSH exam fee, 7% GST, coffee breaks and all course materials.

Other than offering in Singapore, this course is Now Available in Indonesia, Australia, United Kingdom and USA. [Click Here](#) for the flyer

PLUS New Development - Course study book now in printed / published form

We have recently compiled our NEBOSH ITC in Oil & Gas Operational Safety and have published into a course study book. It comes in a nicely printed A4-size format with the latest course materials update! [Contact Us](#) Now

5. Commercial Diving Courses Now Available in New Delhi

We had conducted our first course IMCA Trainee Bell Diving Supervisor course in New Delhi during the 02 - 05 April 2011. It was a great success and we urge you to look forward for the other IMCA courses that we are being accredited to i.e. IMCA Trainee Air Diving Supervisor course, Assistant Life Support Technician course and **IMCA Diver Medic Technician course and IMCA Diver Medic Refresher Course.**



Working with a reputable local Hospital in New Delhi, our overseas courses will have the benefit of KBAT's expertise in providing quality training with our trainers and course material plus the facilities on site that the Hospital and A&E will offer.

Take this opportunity to enhance your career path of being a diving professional. Click [Here](#) for the course flyer.

Plus New Development - DMT Course book now in printed / published form

We have recently compiled our Diver Medic Technician and have published into a course study book. It comes in a nicely printed A4-size format with the latest course materials update!

[Contact Us](#) Now for further information.

Training With Us

1. Upcoming KBAT courses: May and June 2011

We are pleased to announce that our training course dates for the Year 2011 course schedule is now available on our website - please do plan ahead for your training needs.

A sneak preview for May and June schedule; for more information, please free feel to contact us.

COURSES	May 2011	Jun 2011
HEALTH & SAFETY : safetyadmin1@kbassociates.org NEBOSH International General Certificate in OSH (Full Time) - Singapore		06 - 18 Jun

NEBOSH ITC in Operational Oil and Gas Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Singapore - United Kingdom - Lakes Charles, USA 	23 - 27 May	06 - 10 Jun 20 - 24 Jun
NEBOSH Health & Safety at Work Qualifications (Singapore)	18 - 20 May	20 - 22 Jun
IOSH Managing Safely	30 May - 02 June	24 June
IOSH Directing Safely		
IOSH Accident Investigation	12 - 13 May	
DIVING : divingadmin@kbassociates.org IMCA Assistant Life Support Technician	23 May - 02 Jun	
IMCA Trainee Bell Diving Supervisor	09 - 12 May	
IMCA Diver Medic Technician (Singapore)	16 - 27 May	06 - 15 Jun 16 - 20 Jun
IMCA Diver Medic Technician Refresher (Singapore)	09 - 13 May	
IMCA Diver Medic Technician (New Delhi)		
IMCA Diver Medic Technician Refresher (New Delhi)		
KIRBY MORGAN DSI Helmet & Bandmask User Operator	18 - 19 May	13 - 14 Jun
KIRBY MORGAN DSI Basic Maintenance & Repair Technician	18 - 20 May	13 - 15 Jun
Dynamic Positioning Awareness Training	20 - 21 May	

2. KBAT will conduct its NEBOSH ITC in Oil & Gas Operational Safety at Aberdeen, UK

Date : 06 - 10 June 2011
Venue : Jurys Inn Hotel, Aberdeen
Course Fee : £ 990 + VAT
Address : Union Square, Guild Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5RG



This NEBOSH certificate has been expanding internationally to meet the ever growing demand for the importance of Health & Safety in the Oil & Gas industry.

[Contact us](#) to register or for more information.

3. KBAT will conduct its FIRST NEBOSH ITC in Oil & Gas Operational Safety at LAKE CHARLES, USA

Date : 20 - 24 June 2011
Venue : SPRINGHILL Suites by Marriott
Course Fee : U\$ 2,500
Address : 1551 West Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, LA 70605



This NEBOSH certificate has been expanding internationally to meet the ever growing demand for the importance of Health & Safety in the Oil & Gas industry. [Click Here](#) for the flyer

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KBA NoticeBoard

1. KBA's Established its presence in United Kingdom

KB Associates (EUROPE) Ltd - KBA(E)

Recognising the importance for a more rooted presence in the United Kingdom, KB Associates (Europe) Ltd was established in Dec 2010 allowing for more efficient and effective direct access to the full range of KBA Group of Companies' services. KBA(E) offers a full spectrum of consultancy services such as auditing, project management, safety management systems and client representatives as well as our popular NEBOSH, IOSH and IMCA suite of training courses.

We are pleased to announce new service agreements with oil and gas operators who are taking the initiative to reinforce their diving/ROV contracts assurance as outlined and required by HSE UK.

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* KBA Europe website due to complete in May 2011.

2. Corporate Tax changes - (Applicable only to SINGAPORE companies)

~ Tax deduction/allowance increased to 400% of expenditure i.e. Staff training ~

Enhancement of the Productivity and Innovation Credit (PIC) Scheme

PIC for the following activities has been enhanced in 2011 Budget:

- Purchase/lease of prescribe automation equipment
- Training of employees
- Acquisition of intellectual property rights
- Registration of intellectual property rights
- Research and development
- Approved designed project

The following tax benefits will be effective from YA 2011 to YA 2015:

- a) the tax deduction or allowance has increased from 250% to 400% of the expenditure on each of the six qualifying activities above;
- b) the cap for claims under each category has increased from S\$300,000 to S\$400,000 of the qualifying expenditure;
- c) businesses may opt for a cash payout of up to S\$30,000 for the first S\$100,000 of the qualifying expenditure, in lieu of tax deductions provided that they have a minimum of three local (Singaporeans or SPRs) employees in respect of whom the businesses have contributed CPF in the last month of the basis period for a relevant qualifying YA;
- d) Combined cap of S\$800,000 and S\$1,200,000 of expenditure for each activity allowed for YA 2011 and 2012 and YA 2013 to 2015 respectively; and
- e) PIC deduction benefits now extended to qualifying expenditure incurred on R&D done abroad: Ministry of Finance has clarified that the condition, whereby R&D must be related to the existing trade or business of the taxpayer will continue to apply.

Source: SINGAPORE BUDGET 2011. [Click here for the document.](#)



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