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Stora Enso Safety Toolbox 2.0: A vision for the benefit of employees

Stora Enso is developing measures to further improve protection in the workplace

Ybbs an der Donau, 26/04/2016: **For the International Day of Health & Safety in the Workplace on 28th April, Stora Enso is rolling out the newly revised Safety Toolbox 2.0 across the entire company. The goal is to continue to improve occupational safety, thereby advancing the vision of an accident-free company. Thus, Stora Enso is supporting this day of action, launched by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 2003, and strengthening their commitment to the protection and health of all employees.**



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Increasing occupational safety for and with employees

Particularly in the wood processing industry, heavy equipment is used, making occupational safety a vital issue. As the operator of more than 20 saw mills in Europe, Stora Enso has anchored occupational safety in the basic values of the company. The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of occupational accidents to zero. The Stora Enso Safety Toolbox, introduced in 2011, is advancing this vision. It contains a collection of globally standardised minimum requirements for occupational safety, which optimally adapt to each department. With the introduction of these safety tools, the accident rate has already reduced by more than 50 percent within a few years. "Safety is a top priority in wood processing, we are continuously improving. However, we want to do even more in order to reduce the accident rate to zero percent in the long term", says Herbert Jöbstl, SVP of Stora Enso Wood Products in Central Europe. The enhanced Safety Toolbox 2.0 has been revised based on feedback from various divisions and units, and is currently being rolled out across the entire company. To ensure the best possible implementation, the employees themselves identify the risks relevant to their work at Stora Enso. Under the motto "Everybody home safe, every day", strict safety instructions regarding protective clothing, and the regular maintenance and replacement of



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machinery, are stipulated at Stora Enso. In addition, the company provides its employees with regular training courses in order to strengthen and improve safety awareness.

Holistic workplace health promotion

At Stora Enso, occupational safety isn't the only top priority, holistic health promotion is also very important to the company. Various promotions, such as 'an apple a day', health examinations by the company doctor, and vaccinations, as well as massages, back exercises and a gym at the Bad St. Leonhard plant, should optimally promote the well-being of employees. Team-building exercises, such as appraisal interviews, joint activities outside of work, or bonuses for special achievements strengthen the appreciation and the working atmosphere. Thanks to these measures, there is a very low turnover of staff at Stora Enso. Those who choose Stora Enso usually remain with the company for many years.

About Stora Enso Wood Products

Wood Products division provides versatile wood-based solutions for building and housing. Our product range covers all areas of urban construction including massive wood elements and housing modules, wood components and pellets. We also offer a variety of sawn timber goods. Our customers are mainly construction and joinery companies, merchandisers and retailers. Wood Products operates globally and has more than 20 production units in Europe.

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