

Health and Safety Policy Statement

As Chief Executive Officer, I have final responsibility for Health and Safety Management within AQA. This policy statement reflects the importance that I attach to protecting the health, safety and welfare of all employees of AQA and other persons who may be affected by the activities of AQA.

It is therefore my policy that AQA will:

- comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974, subordinate legislation and other statutory and best practice provision
- maintain a corporate Occupational Health and Safety Management system, which conforms to BS OHSAS 18001:2007 and provide a framework for setting and reviewing Occupational Health and Safety objectives
- implement and maintain risk management procedures which are relevant and suitable for our risk exposure
- encourage active participation, consultation and cooperation of all employees, contractors and visitors in promoting and developing measures to improve health and safety
- ensure all managers are directly accountable for the health, safety and welfare of their employees and provide adequate resources to meet this requirement
- continually seek to improve our health and safety performance

A Senior Director who is a member of the Executive Board with specific responsibility for Health and Safety Management, has established the corporate Health and Safety organisation that provides the competent advice to the management structure needed to ensure the achievement of the objectives contained within this Policy Statement.

The successful implementation of this policy requires total commitment from all personnel within AQA. Full details of the organisation and arrangements for Health and Safety Management are set out in separate policy documents.

This Policy Statement will be monitored regularly to ensure that the objectives are achieved. It will be reviewed by the Health, Safety and Environment Manager and, if necessary, revised in the light of legislative or organisational changes.

This Policy Statement will be made available to the public through the AQA Website and other means.

Signed by

Andrew Hall
Chief Executive Officer

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