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Dear Valued Members, Customers, Suppliers and Interested Parties

NEW WHS FOCUS for IFAP with CLOSURE of OMTC

IFAP is embarking on an exciting period of change aligned with the much-anticipated harmonised work health and safety (WHS) legislation Western Australia expected to take effect in late 2020. The new WHS legislation will not only place a suite of new and onerous obligations on businesses or undertakings in relation to their workforce and on their Directors and senior personnel, but will extend their obligations to the manner in which their work affects the health and safety of members of the public. The new WHS Regulations will introduce changes to skills and competencies required and this will, in turn, impact upon training and other educational requirements.

It is within this context, that IFAP has made the strategic decision to cease operation of its Offshore Maritime Training Centre (**OMTC**) at Rous Head, Fremantle. OMTC will continue to operate its full suite of training offerings (with COVID 19 precautions in place) until 29 October 2020. Bookings are continuing to be taken until then.

IFAP is proud to have led the maritime, oil & gas and resources sector safety training for over 25 years. We thank our staff, members, all past and present OMTC customers and training participants for their patronage and trust that the skills they learnt have made a positive difference to their and to industry safety outcomes.

Founded in 1962 as a not-for-profit charitable organisation, IFAP intends to refocus on its constitutional objects providing advocacy, consulting, and training services to positively influence and improve work health and safety across all sectors and industries in the WA community. IFAP will launch a new strategy and improved service offerings in late 2020 geared toward assisting organisations, and their staff, to understand and adapt to the WHS harmonised laws.

In the meantime, please continue to book to be part of OMTC's closing chapter, or to utilise any of our current general health and safety courses or services.

If you would like to talk to IFAP about how we can help you with your ongoing training requirements or consultancy needs, please contact the Acting CEO, Adam Bonneville, at abonneville@ifap.asn.au or on 08 9333 9999, or your usual IFAP representative.

Yours faithfully,



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