

RBIDZ celebrates ISO 14001: 2015 re-certification

The RBIDZ is celebrating re-certification to ISO14001: 2015 standard following a successful external surveillance audit by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) on the integrated Safety, Health, Quality and Environmental Management System (SHEQMS).

The SHEQMS covers the operations of the RBIDZ and it aims to entrench sustainability across the company. It offers a systematic way of managing our environmental objectives and targets, reducing the undesirable impacts and ensuring compliance against environmental legislation.

The company's re-certification to ISO 14001:2015 means that the assurance and compliance to the standards have been evaluated and approved by an independent body and provide reassurance to our stakeholders that the Richards Bay IDZ conforms to set environmental standards. Retaining the certification, which the company obtained in 2016, further demonstrates the commitment to sustainability; which is one of the core values of the Company.

'As the company that is committed to delivering a safe, efficient and conducive environment, the RBIDZ is also conscious of the impact on the environment. Being re-certified to ISO 14001:2015 demonstrates our ability to continually improve our environmental performance, reduce risk posing and hazardous incidents'. To ensure that our team members throughout the company are fully engaged, we have ensured that our environmentally responsible principles are aligned with our operating practices and can therefore be managed effectively within our processes, emphasised SHEQ Manager, Percy Langa.

The re-certification comes at a time when the RBIDZ construction activities for investment projects are on full swing on the ground demanding optimised safety adherence and environmental responsibility.

The Richards Bay IDZ prides itself with this re-certification to ISO 14001:2015 which endorses that the company's Environmental Management System meets the requirements of this standard. These include the enhancement of the company's environmental performance, fulfilment of compliance obligations and achievement of environmental objectives.

The ISO 14001:2015 standards specify the need for the company's continual, robust and wide ranging environmental management as well as strategic alignment to the business direction.